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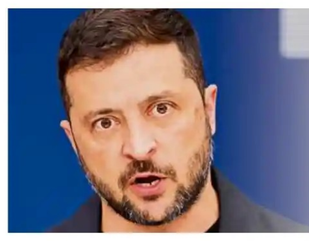

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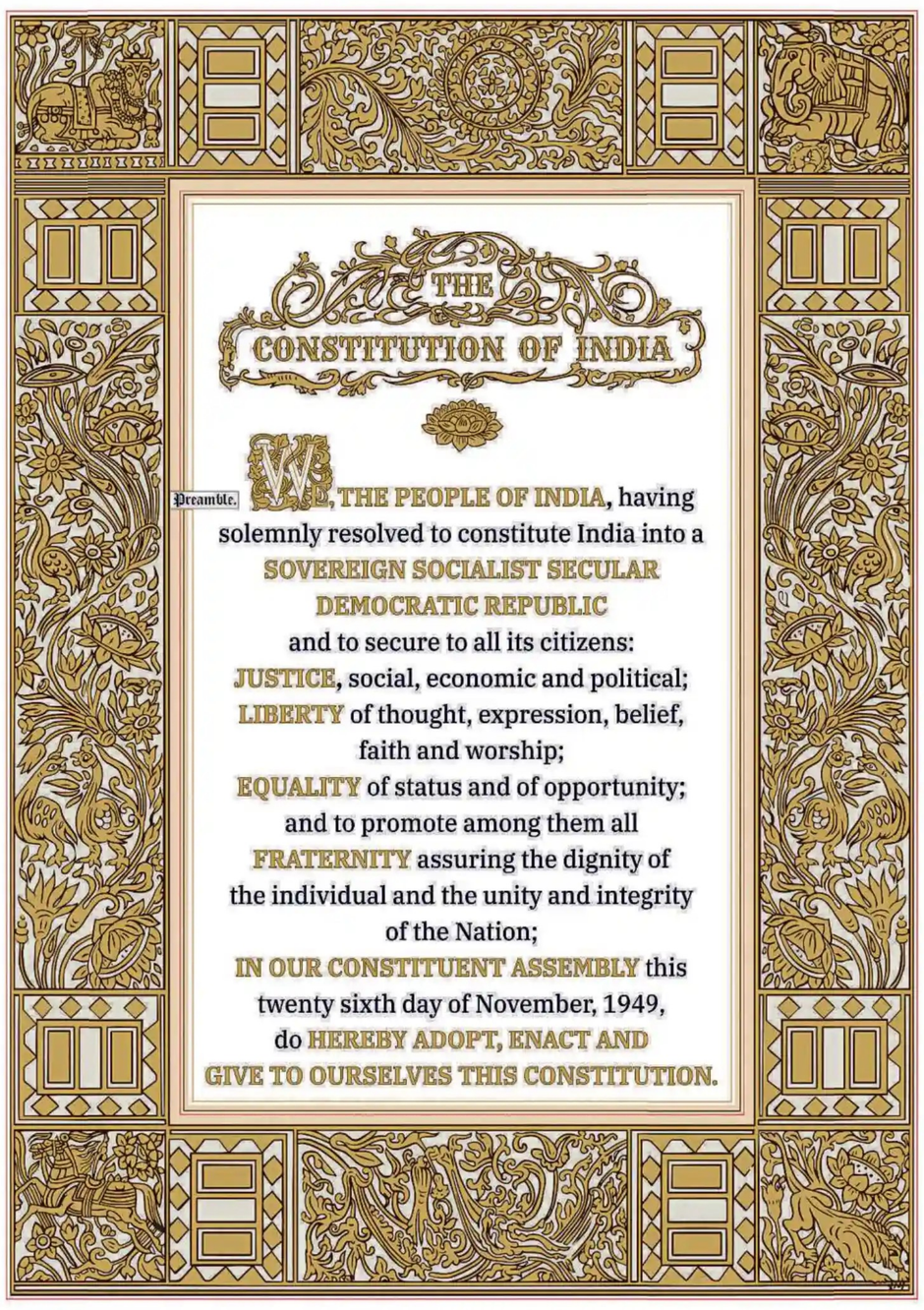
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Preamble.
WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its citizens:
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PM hoists 'Dharma Dhwaj' on Ram Temple

Centuries old wounds have healed today, says Modi

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SC rejects Christian Army officer's plea against sacking

Delhi HC had refused to set aside dismissal for skipping puja

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to entertain a plea against a Delhi High Court order which had refused to set aside the dismissal of the Indian Army's Christian officer who refused to attend a puja as part of the regimental parade.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant Justice Joymalya Bagchi said a violation of Article 25 (freedom of religion) of the Constitution should focus on essential parts of a religion, not just any religious feeling.

The court also said the officer should have respected the main beliefs of the majority of those he led.

Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, who represented the petitioner, Samuel Kamalesan, submitted that he was dismissed for a single infraction as he did not enter the sanctum sanctorum where his troops are offering worship.

"According to the regiments, there is what is known as Sarv Dharam Sthal, a hall in which symbols of various faiths are kept. He entered those... this one place in Mamun in Punjab, did not have the Sarv Dharam Sthal," the counsel contended.

"They had a gurdwara and a temple, nothing else... there are photographs where he is standing outside the sanctum sanctorum," the counsel further said.

The petitioner's entering the sanctum sanctorum is a violation of his own faith, and none of his troops has a problem, but his superior had a problem with it, the counsel added.

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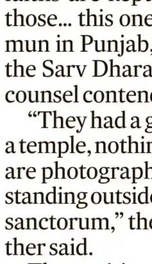
Faith & Fraternity

- Petitioner says entering sanctum sanctorum is a violation of his own faith and none of his troops has a problem, but his superior had a problem
- This exhibits the grossest kind of indiscipline by an army official, says the bench
- The court also said the officer should have respected the main beliefs of the majority of those he led
- Bench asks if the pastor's view will be overridden if he counsels that there is no breach of faith if you go inside the sanctum sanctorum



Cong high command likely to summon CM, DCM

Kharge tells top brass to act; meeting may happen on Nov 28-29

AJITH ATHRADY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

LEADERSHIP TUSSLE

- Sonia and Rahul likely to hold talks with Siddu and DKS jointly
- High command keen to resolve the matter before the winter session of Parliament
- DKS keen on reminding Rahul of the informal pact on "power-sharing"; Siddu may raise the issue of the support of MLAs
- Senior leader K J George also tried to mediate between the two leaders and told the top leadership to intervene immediately
- IT-BT minister Priyank Kharge is said to have met Rahul and discussed developments

"You all know that the president does not discuss anywhere else. If meeting takes place, we will discuss.
Mallikarjun Kharge
Congress president

The Congress top brass is likely to summon Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy, D K Shivakumar, to the national capital soon to settle amicably the power-sharing tussle that is threatening to spiral out of control.

The decision to intervene is based on the recommendations of party managers engaged to settle the simmering factional feud and leadership issues.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, who held meetings with Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar in Bengaluru, is also learnt to have spoken to Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi and explained the current political situation in Karnataka.

The high command was forced to act as Kharge is said to have told the leadership that there was an urgent need to resolve the crisis in order to control the damage to the party as well as the government.

Sonia and Rahul are likely to hold talks with Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar jointly, sources said.

Though the dates are not fixed, the high command is keen to resolve the matter before the winter session of Parliament, which starts on December 1, and both the leaders could be summoned on November 28 or 29.

Sources close to Shivakumar said that he was keen on Rahul being reminded of the informal pact on "power-sharing" discussed during the formation of the government in May 2023. However, Siddaramaiah may raise the issue of the support of MLAs.

Senior leader and Energy Minister K J George, a close confidant of the Gandhi family, also tried to mediate between the two leaders and met both the CM and the Deputy CM.

He is also learnt to have suggested the party top leadership intervene immediately.

Minister for IT-BT and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Priyank Kharge is learnt to have called on Rahul in Delhi and discussed developments.

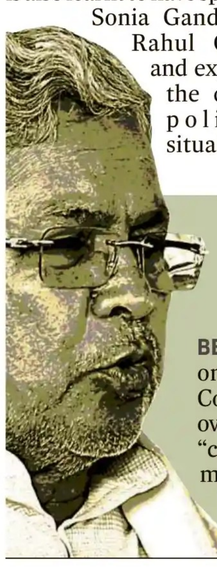
Amid these developments, Congress president Kharge said the issue cannot be discussed publicly.

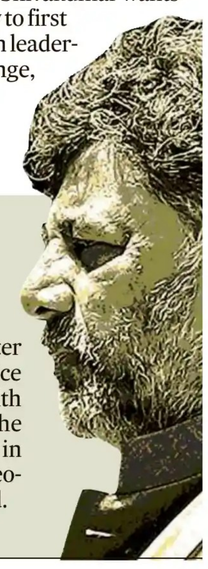
"This is not a subject to be discussed here and that too in public. I have specially come here to attend an event related to Constitution Day on November 26. I have an invitation for the event. After attending the event, I have review meetings to attend, after which I will proceed further," he told reporters in New Delhi.

Asked about his possible meeting with Rahul, Kharge said, "You all know that the president does not discuss anywhere else. If a meeting takes place, we will discuss."

Before arriving in Delhi, Kharge was accompanied by Shivakumar to the Bengaluru airport in his car. Siddaramaiah on Saturday met Kharge at his residence in Bengaluru.

While Siddaramaiah is pushing for a reshuffle of his Cabinet, Shivakumar wants the party to first decide on leadership change, party sources said.





High command must end confusion: CM

BENGALURU, DHNS: CM Siddaramaiah on Tuesday mounted pressure on the Congress high command to clear the air over his tenure, admitting that there was "confusion" in the party. "The high command has to take a decision to put a full stop to this confusion," he said.
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'Secret' lies with 5-6 people, says DKS

BENGALURU, DHNS: Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Tuesday rolled the dice of "conscience" amid his power tussle with CM Siddaramaiah and claimed that the "secret" lay with only some six people in Congress. "This is a secret among 5-6 people, which I don't want to reveal," he said.
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PwD quota: Draft Bill fines violators, false claims

BENGALURU, DHNS: A fine of Rs 10,000 can be imposed on institutions failing to comply with 10% reservation for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) in educational institutions and 5% reservation in private institutions with 20 or more employees for a first-time contravention, a draft bill by the Labour Department says.

The Karnataka Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Employment and Education Draft Bill, 2025, enables the enforcement authority to impose a penalty of Rs 50,000 to Rs 5,00,000 for any subsequent contravention.

The draft was published in the Gazette on November 21, and any objections or suggestions must be submitted within 30 days.

On November 6, *DH* had reported that the government was proposing to introduce 10% reservation in educational institutions and 5% reservation in private establishments for PwDs.

The draft also penalises fraudulent claims, imposing a fine of up to Rs 1,00,000 and imprisonment of up to two years, subject to safeguards to ensure that legitimate claimants are not deterred.

In the event of a PwD person refusing to furnish information to the authority, a fine up to Rs 25,000 can be imposed, with an added Rs 1,000 per day for continued refusal after notice.

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IAS officer Bilagi dies in car accident

KALABURAGI, DHNS: IAS officer and Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Ltd managing director Mahantesh Bilagi (50) was killed as the car in which he was travelling overturned in Jewargi taluk on Kalaburagi district on Tuesday.
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Volcanic ash cloud hits flight operations

NEW DELHI, DHNS/PTI: Flight operations were impacted on Tuesday as ash clouds from a volcanic eruption in Ethiopia reached parts of India but it had no impact on weather or air quality, officials said, adding the "ash cloud will move away from Indian skies by 7.30 pm (Tuesday)".

The Ministry of Civil Aviation and the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said they were monitoring the situation, as some flights were delayed or cancelled due to visibility issues.

Hayli Gubbi, a shield volcano in Ethiopia's Afar region, erupted on Sunday, producing a large ash plume that rose to around 14 kilometres in the sky.

Volcanic ash reached the skies over Gujarat, Delhi-NCR, Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana.

Air India said it cancelled 13 flights, including some international services, as some of its planes had to undergo checks owing to the aircraft flying through affected regions.

At Delhi airport, seven international flights were cancelled and more than 10 overseas flights delayed.
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SA coach adds insult to injury, says wants India to 'grovel'

MADHU JAWALI
GUWAHATI, DHNS

South Africa head coach Shukri Conrad said he wanted his team to make India "grovel" on the fourth day by setting a 549-run target, a remark that has the potential to stir a major controversy in what has been a largely amicable series.

Shukri Conrad

The tourists, leading the two-Test series 1-0, are on the verge of making a clean sweep after leaving India at 27/2 at stumps on Tuesday and still sitting on a cushion of 522 runs. Conrad noted he was borrowing the phrase from the infamous 1976 interview by the late England captain Tony Greig ahead of a home series against Clive Lloyd's West Indies.
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Soon Nandini ghee in USA, Saudi, Australia

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka Milk Federation has started export of Nandini ghee to Australia, Saudi Arabia and the USA. There is a demand for eight tonnes of ghee from Saudi Arabia, five tonnes from USA, and one tonne from Australia.
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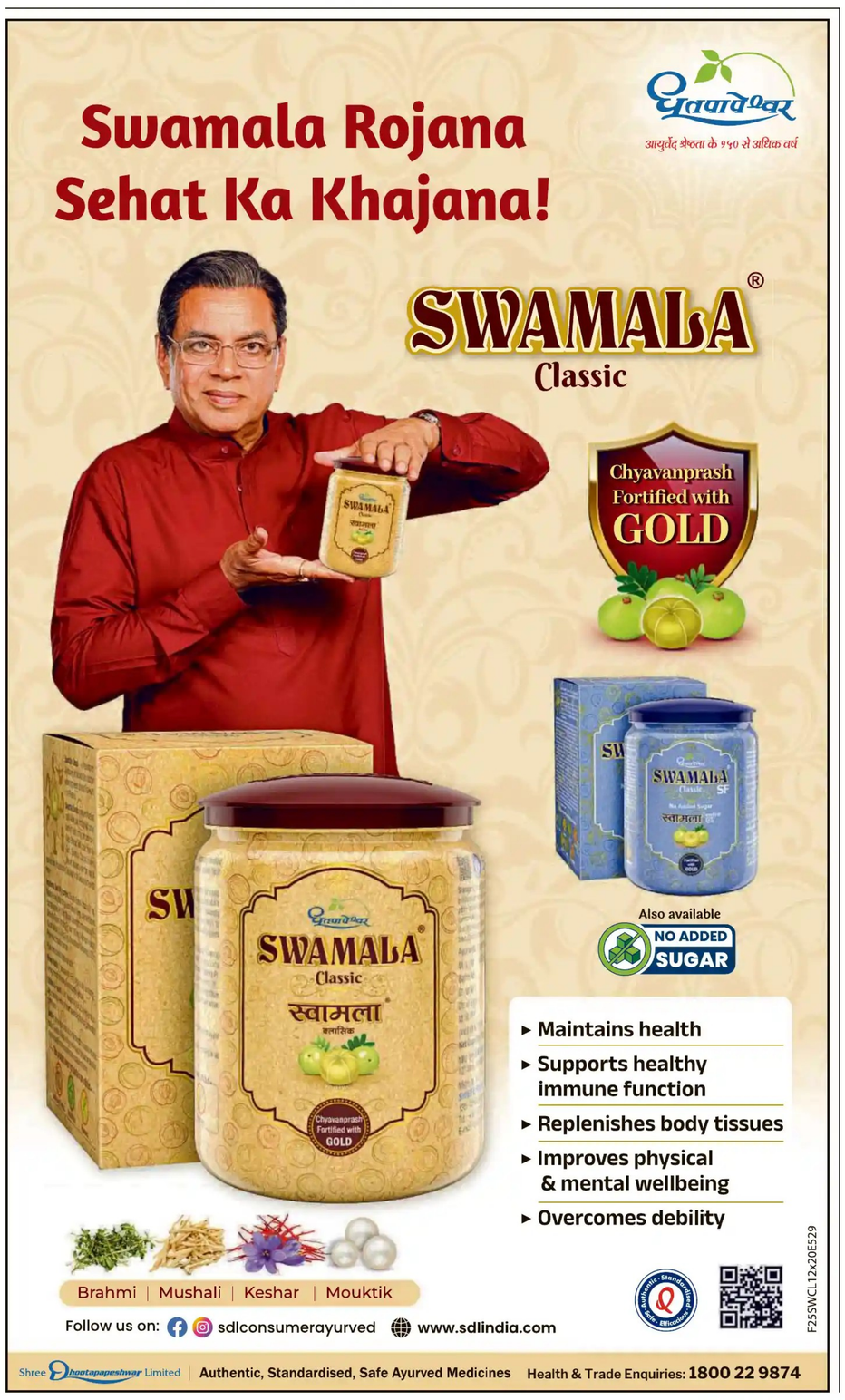

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History-sheeter arrested for Rs 37-lakh silver robbery

BENGALURU, DHNS: Halasuru Gate police arrested a 45-year-old history-sheeter for robbing 23.2 kg of silver bars worth Rs 37 lakh from a jeweller on Saturday night.

Police said they cracked the case within 48 hours.

Syed Ayaz alias Choudhary, the accused, followed a jeweller who was delivering 49 silver bars to a customer.

As the victim paused to keep his helmet in the scooter's boot, Ayaz snatched the bag and fled. The jeweller raised an alarm, but Ayaz escaped.

Police examined nearly 50 CCTV clips and identified Ayaz from the habitual offenders' gallery. A team arrested him at his Cottonpet residence. He confessed, and police later recovered the silver bars from multiple locations.

Ayaz has over 50 criminal cases against him, including housebreaking, robbery and attempt to murder.

He was acquitted in several cases, while 23 are still pending trial.

After fish kill, birds drop dead at Doddagubbi Lake

Residents alarmed by possible toxic contamination

BENGALURU, DHNS

After hundreds of fish died at Doddagubbi Lake, residents are now reporting that birds are dying in the water and along the walkway.

At least five birds have been found dead in the past 10 days, residents said.

A resident of Unnati Enclave Layout said trouble began in mid October when bubbles appeared in the water, followed by hundreds of dead fish. Birds have since been found dying in the lake and near its edges.

Visitors attempted to rescue distressed birds, but failed. Volunteers from the Avian and Reptile Rehabilitation Centre (ARRC) are monitoring the site.

"When the situation at Doddagubbi Lake was reported, we sent a team member to assess the site. No dead birds were found during the initial visit, but the water was visibly discoloured. Over the past week, we rescued a Spot-billed Pelican from the lake that appeared lethargic and weak. It did not survive. On Tuesday, a Black-crowned Night Heron was reported, and our team is still assessing its condition," a representative from ARRC said.

ARRC is compiling field data and may approach accredited laboratories for water, fish, and bird toxicity tests to identify the cause of the die-off.

Residents contacted the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), but said they were directed from one official to another. The agency has not inspected the lake.

At least five dead birds have been spotted in the lake and along the walkway over the past 10 days.

Leachate from waste site contaminates lakes, say locals

Members of the Chikkagubbi gram panchayat have alleged that waste dumping near Kannur by the Bangalore Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) is polluting waterbodies in and around the region.

They said leachate from the dumping site is flowing into nearby lakes, triggering mass deaths.

"We have written to every official and also held a protest to prevent such dumping, but to no avail. The Chikkagubbi Lake is completely contaminated and now the Doddagubbi Lake is suffering," said Ramesh Gowda, a member of the Chikkagubbi gram panchayat.

He said the leachate is seeping into and contaminating groundwater as well.

What causes fish & bird deaths in lakes?

- **Low dissolved oxygen:** Algal blooms from nutrient pollution and sewage reduce oxygen levels. Fish suffocate, and birds feeding on them perish.
- **Sewage & chemical pollution:** Toxic effluents and untreated sewage can poison fish and the birds feeding on them.
- **Ammonia build-up:** Dead fish increase ammonia levels, turning stagnant lakes lethal.
- **Sudden weather & water changes:** Rain after dry spells wash pollutants into lakes. Cloudy days reduce photosynthesis, pushing oxygen levels down and triggering mass fish deaths.

RAJYOTSAVA READY

Preparations underway for the Kannada Rajyotsava flower show at Cubbon Park, organised by the Walkers' Association and the Horticulture Department, in Bengaluru on Tuesday.
DH PHOTO/BK JANARDHAN

Halt tunnel road project, citizens' group urges govt

To hold public discussion on Sunday

BENGALURU, DHNS

Save Bangalore Committee, a citizens' organisation, is set to host a people's convention to discuss the state government's twin tunnel road project.

The committee has called for the project to be stalled, citing mobility and environmental concerns.

The organisation hosted a press conference on Monday to raise concerns regarding the project. The 17-km project, proposed as a solution for the city's traffic woes, is likely to worsen the situation, the organisation believes.

SHASHIKUMAR G
Save Bangalore Committee Convener

"The success of Namma Metro and the efforts of the BMTC prove that the solution for improving the city's traffic problems lies in enhancing and promoting public transport.

The success of Namma Metro and the efforts of the BMTC prove that the solution for improving the city's traffic problems lies in enhancing and promoting public transport, said Shashikumar G, convener of the organisation.

"To solve the traffic congestion problem, what is needed is a scientific solution with a comprehensive outlook for the entire citizenry. The government does not appear to be serious in approaching the problem in this light."

"People are also worried that the questions concerning environmental, ecological, geological and hydrological aspects are simply brushed aside by the government with a lone argument that the tunnel road will solve traffic congestion. The study on the impact of this project on the Lalbagh area, Hebbal Lake area and Sankey tank is not at all available," Shashikumar said in a note to the press.

He added that in the Detailed Project Report (DPR) on the project, released in November 2024, "the data used had been ostensibly plagiarised from other such reports.

An expert committee on tunnels that reviewed the DPR in mid-2025 found 121 major and alarming flaws in the project".

To discuss the matter, the committee will organise a people's convention on November 30, 10.30 am, at SCM Hall, Mission Road.

Two constables suspended for extorting insurance agent with fake case threat

BENGALURU, DHNS: Two city police constables have been arrested for extorting money from an insurance adviser and his female client.

During their night bike patrol on November 1, the constables found Varadaraju BN, 59, sitting in a car with a woman near the BSNL compound in JP Nagar. The woman had met him to discuss an insurance policy, and they were going over the documents in his car.

The policemen allegedly approached them under the pretext of an inquiry and told Varadaraju that a case was pending against him. One of the constables entered the car and asked him to drive towards the police station for "arrest formalities".

However, about 500 metres later, the constables allegedly demanded Rs 40,000 to let him go, threatening to seize the vehicle if he refused. Varadaraju managed to pay only Rs 10,300, including Rs 4,000 borrowed from the woman.

After collecting the money, the constables rode away.

Varadaraju later informed a senior police officer he knew, who advised him to file a complaint. Four days later, he approached JP Nagar police, who registered an extortion case.

Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh has suspended both constables and ordered further investigation.

Techie sexually harassed near home while feeding stray dogs

MANJUNATH SHETTAR
BENGALURU, DHNS

A software engineer was sexually harassed by an unidentified man near her apartment complex in Kadubeesanahalli last week, her police complaint states.

The incident occurred on November 21, but she said the police took two days to register a case and made her visit two stations.

The 34-year-old woman was riding her scooter into her apartment complex around 11 pm when she noticed stray dogs and stopped to feed them. An unidentified man then walked up to her and started groping her.

She tried to escape by hitting him with an empty bucket and screamed for help.

A biker arrived, prompting the suspect to flee.

But once the motorcyclist left, the suspect returned. "He tried to grab my hands and pull my clothes," she said.

"Stunned at his behaviour, I screamed nonstop, drawing the attention of the security guard of our apartment complex. The man jumped the gate and escaped," she told *DH*.

She went home and informed her family. Her brother searched for the suspect and alerted a Hoysala patrol car. Police joined the search, but the man was not found.

The next day, she was asked to visit the Bellandur police station and file her complaint. She said she waited the entire day, but the FIR was not registered.

"They told me they will come for a spot mahazar and verify CCTV footage to identify the suspect. But two days later, they asked me to go to the Parappana Agrahara police station and file the complaint there because the area falls within their jurisdiction," she stated.

She described the suspect as a tall, young man unfamiliar to the neighbourhood.

"CCTV cameras have captured the incident, and police have recovered the footage. I was wearing a helmet when I tried to chase him away by hitting him with a bucket. But he was so aggressive. He misbehaved with me repeatedly," she added.

A senior police officer said the CCTV footage was unclear and that no clues about the suspect had emerged. A manhunt is underway, he said.

Chief guest Prabhu Mundkar inaugurates the festival along with campus director Dr Fr Benny Thomas, campus associate director Dr Fr Biju KC, and campus dean Dr Joby Thomas.

Christ University hosts 'Manzar' national film festival on mystery & thriller cinema

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Department of Media Studies at Christ University recently organised the Manzar National Film Festival at the CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Yeshwanthpur campus.

Centred on the evocative worlds of mystery and thriller cinema, the festival explored how curiosity, suspense, and revelation shape compelling narratives.

The sessions unpacked the techniques, technologies, and psychology that drive the genre, while also spotlighting the often-unseen contributors to filmmaking.

Editors, light designers, sound engineers, colourists, and other behind-the-scenes professionals were recognised for their meticulous work, which brings cinematic stories to life.

Dayananda Sagar College hosts six-day faculty development programme on agri-sustainability

BENGALURU, DHNS: Dayananda Sagar College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Bengaluru, recently conducted a six-day AICTE–ATAL-sponsored online faculty development programme (FDP), titled "Greening the Future: Advancing Agricultural Economy and Sustainability through Technology and Innovation".

It featured 13 technical sessions led by experts from leading academic institutions, research centres, and industry organisations.

Speakers represented institutions such as the Murugappa Chettiar Research Centre, Federal Bank, National Informatics Centre, ELIES Biotech, and Taylor's University, Malaysia.

They shared insights on sustainable agricultural models, green finance, precision farming, climate-smart technologies, biotechnology, and digital transformation across the agri-value chain.

The FDP drew 211 participants, including faculty members, researchers, and industry professionals from across India. Sessions covered themes such as sustainable agriculture processes, indigenous knowledge systems, agri-entrepreneurship, digital supply chains, and the circular economy.

Expert insights

Interactive discussions, case studies, and expert demonstrations equipped participants with emerging perspectives and practical knowledge relevant to teaching, research, and professional practice in agriculture and sustainability.

Lorry driver dies after 12-wheeler plunges into Bidaraguppe Lake

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 37-year-old lorry driver died late on Monday after his 12-wheeler truck plunged into Bidaraguppe Lake on the Attibele-Sarjapur main road in Anekal taluk.

The incident occurred around 11.30 pm near a curve in the road by the lake.

According to Attibele police, Mahesh Pawar (37) of Kalaburagi was driving from Attibele to Sarjapur when he lost control and drove straight into the lake instead of turning. The truck was fully submerged due to the lake's depth, police said.

Police suspect the driver may have swerved to avoid a pothole or another vehicle, causing him to lose control and plunge into the lake.

A rescue operation was launched on Tuesday morning.

Personnel from the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Fire and Emergency Services and Attibele police retrieved the submerged vehicle and the driver's body.

Two cranes were used to pull the truck from the lake. The body was sent to Oxford Hospital in Attibele for post-mortem. Attibele police have registered an accident case.

Two cranes lift the submerged 12-wheeler lorry from the lake during the rescue operation.

Students set up stalls ranging from food and handmade products to games and clothing, drawing nearly 5,000 visitors, creating a lively and bustling fest.

Strong turnout for Shree Daksha Academy's entrepreneurial fest

BENGALURU, DHNS: The commerce department of Shree Daksha Academy organised 'Entrenova-2025, Daksha Sanghe' on November 15 to showcase students' entrepreneurial talents and strengthen their creativity, financial planning, and marketing skills.

Students set up a wide range of stalls featuring food products, handmade items, games, clothing, and other innovative business ideas. The event drew nearly 5,000 visitors, including parents and teachers.

The academy's management said it remains committed to providing students with practical exposure and helping them develop essential skills such as teamwork, leadership, communication, and financial management.

Seshadripuram College marks 70th Rajyotsava with talks on Kannada & culture

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Kannada Sangha and the Kannada Department of Seshadripuram College organised the 70th Karnataka Rajyotsava celebrations.

Popular quiz master Dr Na. Someshwara attended the event.

In his address, he clarified common misconceptions between Kannada and Karnataka and spoke about whether Kannada shows any traits of a language at risk of entering UNESCO's endangered list.

Presiding over the programme, Nadoja Dr Wooday P Krishna said that speaking Kannada should be a matter of pride, not a burden. Principal Major Dr Anandappa and Kannada Sangha convener Prof MN Archana Tejaswi were also present.

Students marked the occasion with performances, including kamsale, pooja kunitha, and short plays celebrating Kannada culture.

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

Children's Vachana Mela: Vachana Jyoti Balaga; Kalagrama, Mallathahalli; 9.30 am.

Constitution Day Celebrations: CM Siddaramaiah and DyCM DK Shivakumar to attend; Social Welfare Department; Dr BR Ambedkar Bhavan, Vasanth Nagar; 11 am.

Karnataka Rajyotsava Celebrations: Karnataka Publishers Association; Lakshmi Press, Chamarajpet; 11 am.

Karnataka Rajyotsava Celebrations: Shakti Vahini Kannada Balaga, Karnataka Vidyut Nigam; Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road; 1 pm.

CULTURAL

Poet Kuvempu's five-day state-level drama festival: H Thimmegowda Hall, Vidyaniketan Public School, Sunkadakatte; 1.30 pm.

Solo exhibition: 'Aanu Nondenaiah Anu Bendenaiah' by Mahantesh Doddamani; Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumarakrupa Road; 5 pm.

Man dragged out, beaten to death by lover's family

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 35-year-old man was beaten to death on a Yeshwantpur street by his lover's family, his relatives have alleged.

The incident took place on Saturday, but came to light on Tuesday after the victim's family shared CCTV footage with the media, urging the police to arrest the killers.

Narasimharaja alias Raja, a mason, had been in a relationship with Lakshmi, a widow, for the past two-and-a-half years. Lakshmi often visited his house in Muthyalamma Nagar and stayed on the first floor.

On Saturday, she arrived to meet him and went into his room. Her father, brothers and other relatives soon barged in, dragged him to the street and beat him up as bystanders watched.

When his mother tried to intervene, the gang allegedly assaulted her, too. Narasimharaja's injuries proved fatal, and he was declared brought dead at a hospital.

His family said police did not arrest the suspects despite their complaint. They shared CCTV footage with the media and sought immediate action.

A senior police officer said that the circumstances of the death were still under investigation.

For now, a case of suspicious death has been registered, and they are awaiting the post-mortem and forensic reports before taking further action.

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FORECAST
Partly cloudy sky

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	28.0°C
Minimum	19.0°C

Rainfall (as of 8:30 am)	--
Humidity (as of 5:30 pm)	79%
Sunset (Nov 26)	5:50 pm
Sunrise (Nov 27)	6:23 am
Moonrise	10:27 am
Moonset	22:04 pm

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm)
Source: IMD

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Nandini Ghee to be available in USA, Saudi Arabia, Australia

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) has started exporting Nandini ghee to Australia, Saudi Arabia, and the USA.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, on Tuesday, flagged off the initiative. At present, there is a demand for eight metric tonnes of ghee from Saudi Arabia, five metric tonnes from the USA, and one metric tonne from Australia.

Nandini products have been in high demand in many countries, and the KMF, through a franchisee model, had set up a Cafe Moo in Saudi Arabia and started the export of Nandini ghee, cheese, ice cream, butter and a few other products in 2023.

In August this year, KMF had put up a stall at the 'Vishwa Kannada Samavesha' summit that was held in Florida.

Over the years, there has been a huge demand for Nandini products from many countries, especially where the population of Indians is high. KMF already exports a large number of products to countries like Dubai, Qatar, the Maldives, and Singapore.

Assets worth Rs 35.31 cr unearthed in Lokayukta raids

BENGALURU, DHNS: Karnataka Lokayukta Police on Tuesday carried out simultaneous raids at 47 locations across 10 districts, including Bengaluru city, and uncovered disproportionate assets worth Rs 35.31 crore in the possession of various government officials.

The raids were prompted by disproportionate assets cases registered at the Lokayukta police stations in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Davanagere, Mandya, Bidar, Haveri, Dharwad, Gadag, Kodagu, and Shivamogga.

Lokayukta officials confirmed that the raids had resulted in assets worth Rs 35.31 crore, including immovable properties such as agricultural land, being unearthed during the operation.

Break-up of assets seized from officers

- Krishnamurthy P – Office Superintendent, Electronic City RTO, Bengaluru - Rs 4.26 crore
- Ramaswamy C – Revenue Inspector, Hotgalli Municipality, Mysuru - Rs 2.77 crore
- Prabhu J – Assistant Director, APMC, Davanagere - Rs 2.49 crore.
- Puttaswamy C - CAO, CMC, Mandya - Rs 4.37 crore
- Prem Singh – Chief Engineer, KBJNL, Yadgir/Bidar - Rs 4.07 crore.
- Shekar Sannappa Mattikatti – Executive Engineer, DUDC, Haveri - Rs 5.35 crore.
- Subhashchandra Natikar - Associate Professor, Karnatak University, Dharwad - Rs 3.11 crore.
- Sathish Ramanna Kattimani – Senior Veterinary Examiner, Gadag - Rs 2.09 crore.
- D M Girish – AEE, PWD, Madikeri, Kodagu - 4.26 crore
- Lakshmipathi C N – FDA, SIMS Medical College, Shivamogga - Rs 2.49 crore.

Govt to hire guest faculty who meet UGC's eligibility criteria

More than 5.5k lecturers slated to lose their jobs

BENGALURU, DHNS

In the wake of the Department of Collegiate Education deciding to hire guest lecturers who meet the eligibility criteria prescribed by the University Grants Commission (UGC) – teachers must either have cleared NET/KSET or have a PhD – more than 5,500 guest faculty, many of whom have been teaching for decades, are slated to lose their job.

The department's decision follows the recent ruling by the Karnataka High Court mandating the state government to ensure that guest lecturers appointed to government degree colleges met the UGC's eligibility criteria. Incidentally, guest lecturers had been granted a two-month extension or until tge 3nd of the semester so they could complete teaching for one semester at their respective institutions.

Candidates who possess the qualifications prescribed by the UGC had moved the court after the Karnataka government persisted with continuing with guest lecturers already serving at colleges but who had neither cleared KSET/NET nor had a PhD.

However, the state government has informed the High Court about the shortage of candidates who meet UGC's criteria for a few subjects. The court has allowed the Department of Collegiate Education to hire teachers who do not possess the necessary qualifications only for such subjects. "We will recruit guest lecturers only for those subjects for which there are candidates who have the qualifications prescribed by the UGC," said an official from the department.

'Disabled candidates being favoured'

Candidates, meanwhile, have accused the Department of Collegiate Education of not adhering to the state government's reservation norms. Candidates alleged that the department was favouring specially abled candidates over others.

"The department is hiring physically disabled candidates on priority. For instance, more than 300 candidates have applied for the job of political science lecturer. Instead of allotting the prescribed number of seats under the persons with disability quota, the department is allowing the specially-abled candidates to choose first," said a disgruntled applicant.

A few candidates have warned the department of moving the court if it persists in favouring specially abled applicants.

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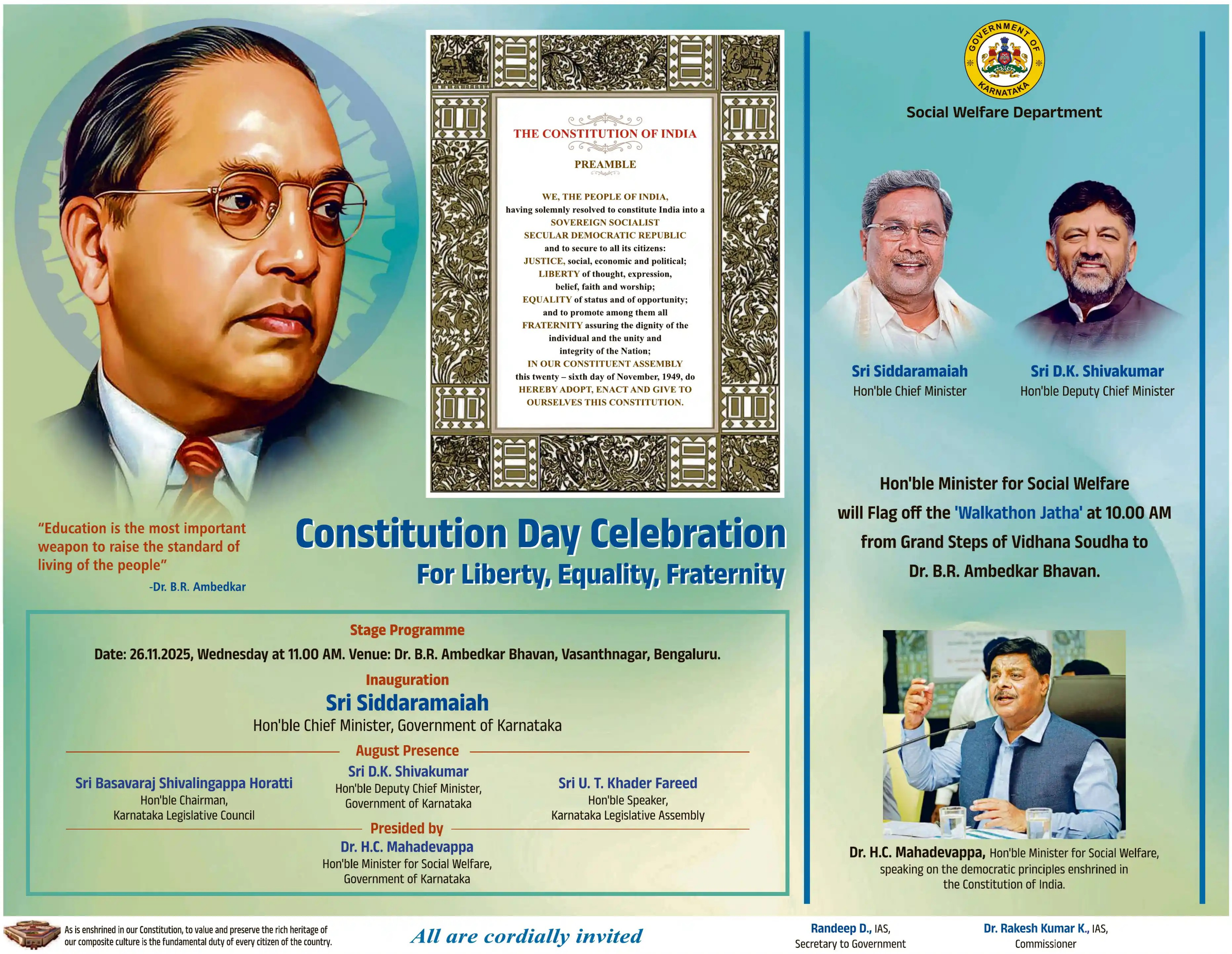
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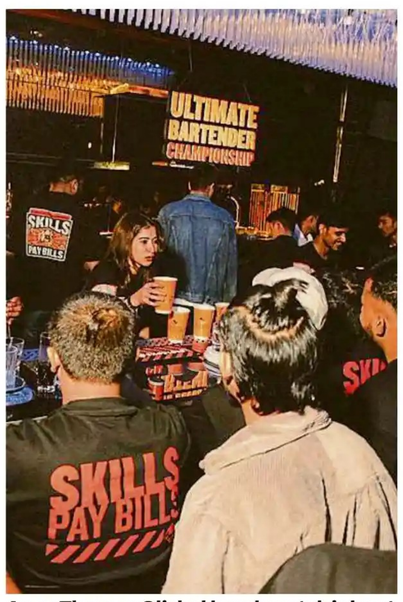
Why women bartenders are in low spirits



Ancy Thomas Olickel hands out drinks at a bar championship in Bengaluru.

They routinely face harassment, stalking, and flirtatious behaviour from drunk guests

SHRADDHA A K
TEAM METROLIFE

With more women entering the bartending industry, safety is a growing concern, insiders say.

Late working hours, handling inebriated guests and inappropriate behaviour from customers are some of the issues they face.

According to Ananth Narayan, president, National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI) Bengaluru chapter, "There's no formal national data yet, but from what we see on the ground, women are still a small minority behind the bar in India — likely well under 10% of the total bartending workforce".

The success of bartenders like Arati Mestry, Ami Shroff and Shatbhi Basu has made the profession more appealing for women.

Equal treatment?

Mahak Gupta is the bar executive at an all-women-run bar in Manyata Tech Park. She insists she has never been treated differently for being a woman. She lifts heavy equipment, works long hours, and enjoys the physicality of the job.

Ancy Thomas Olickel's experience in Bengaluru has not been as pleasant. She moved to the city after working for five years in the Middle East. "No one ever crossed the line there. Here, men do not seem to care about personal space," she says.

Tough job

Most bartenders *Metrolife* spoke to shared that handling intoxicated guests is one of the hardest parts of the job.

AI FOR SAFETY

As part of my commitment to the industry, I've experimented with over 200 AI, automation and robotics solutions. One of them is an AI-enabled CCTV blackbox that detects and alerts managers in real time if any guest troubles a female employee — allowing intervention even before an issue escalates.
– Ananth Narayan, president, NRAI Bengaluru chapter

Anisha B, head bartender at a popular Domlur restaurant, has worked in multiple cities in her four-year career. "I've handled plenty of drunk customers. I try to make sure they reach home safely. That's the best I can do," she says. If needed, she discreetly involves supervisors or security.

Mahak notes that while dealing with drunk guests is a given in the profession, if boundaries are crossed, security steps in.

Handling unwanted attention

It is common to see bartenders, no matter the gender, making small talk with their guests. The objective is to keep them engaged or get them to spend more time at the bar.

"But some customers flirt too aggressively or assume friendliness means interest," Anisha says.

Ancy says her experiences have been far worse. "Male guests frequently harass the lone woman bartender with persistent flirting, unwanted messages, and stalking," she says, adding that despite multiple polite rejections, many guests still try and push their luck or somehow manage to find her on social media and or get her number.

While hospitality norms force her to stay polite, she blocks or ignores persistent men, and managers intervene when the behaviour escalates.

Debdyuti Majumder, a bartender at a pan-Asian restaurant on M G Road, has developed her own coping mechanism. "If professional responses do not work, I joke my way out of the situation. I sometimes tell them I'm interested only in girls — that usually stops them," she says.

All the bartenders interviewed say they are dropped off at their doorstep after a night shift. Mahak's employers take it a step further: "The women staff come together and go home together, even if one person is working, the whole team waits for her."

Maitreyei Krishnan, an activist with the All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICCTU), says, "The Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) act mandates that it is the duty of the employer to ensure that the workplace is safe and free from harassment."

EVENTS

Printing press visit
Karnataka Prakashakara Sangha is organising a discussion on the process of printing and a visit to Lakshmi Printing Press at Chamarajpet on November 26, 11 am. For details, call 99868 40477.

Storytelling session
'Epics with Arshia and Aparna', a storytelling session by Ramayana scholar Arshia Sattar and storyteller Aparna Jaishankar will be held at Atta Galatta, Indiranagar), on November 29, 4 pm. For ages 8-15. Entry free.

Fusion concert
'Ancient Rhythms for Wellness', a fusion concert featuring Brandon Colaco (on the didgeridoo), Ramkumar S (mridangam) and Nitin Menon (percussion), will be held at Bangalore Internatinal Centre, Domlur, on November 26, 7 pm. RSVP to bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

CITY MIX

Environment focus of literary event on Sat

The Century Club in Cubbon Park will host the fifth edition of the Green Literature Festival on November 29, from 10 am to 7 pm. It will feature more than 25 speakers across 15-plus sessions, covering topics such as the experiences of an environment reporter, infrastructure projects threatening the Great Nicobar ecosystem, and the role of youth in climate action. There will also be workshops, poetry readings, book launches, and even a quiz on Bengaluru's trees. Sustainability in a business-driven world will be the focus of the 'Green Business Literature Festival' segment. It will cover discussions on green financing and shaping consumer consciousness. *For details and registration, visit greenlitfest.com*

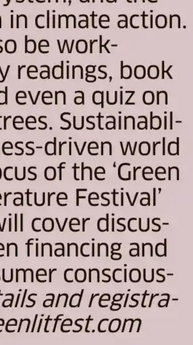
Play on hospitality this weekend

Sandbox Collective from Bengaluru and Berlin-based She She Pop will present 'Wait To Be Seated' at Sabha BLR, Kamaraj Road, on November 28, 29 and 30, 7 pm.

The production marks She She Pop's first artistic collaboration with Indian performers, and their first show in India. The plot explores the idea of hospitality, using varied settings like a dinner table, a red carpet, and a dance floor. *Tickets online.*

B'lurean picked as 'Grammy U Mentor'

Aditya Veera Venkatesh, a Bengaluru-based podcaster, artiste manager, and vocalist, has been selected as a mentor for the 2025-26 Grammy U Mentorship Program. The six-month programme supports emerging music professionals. Venkatesh will mentor a student majoring in the music industry at the University of Southern California. The 31-year-old interviews leading musicians on his 'Stalwarts of Music' podcast and will teach his mentee about music journalism.


Aditya Veera Venkatesh

Banu Mushtaq to headline Bangalore Literature Festival

The two-day event will be held at Freedom Park for the first time in its 14-year history

RASHMI RAJAGOPAL
TEAM METROLIFE

International Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq, bestselling British crime writer Clare Mackintosh, politician Shashi Tharoor and comedian Vir Das are some of the big names who will participate in the 14th edition of the Bangalore Literature Festival, scheduled for December 6 and 7.

This year, the festival will be held at a new venue — Freedom Park on Seshadri Road. The change is in keeping with the growing scale of the festival, says co-founder Srikrishna Ramamoorthy. "We felt a larger venue would do more justice to the festival and the crowds it draws. It is also a public space and in that sense is more inclusive," he says.

The easy accessibility to public transport was another factor that drew the organisers to the venue. It is an eight-minute walk from the Sir M Visvesvaraya metro station and a 15-minute walk from the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda metro station. Paid parking will also be available, he says.

Close to 300 speakers will participate in the two-day event which will cover a diverse range of topics from crime, sports and romance to history, politics, gender, AI, culture, music, film and food. Some of the major topics this year include contemporary India, and death and grief, with multiple sessions centred on these themes. Translations, debut writers and young Kannada writers are other major focal points of the festival.

The 14th edition of the festival will feature close to 300 speakers over two days.
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In a session titled 'I promise it won't always hurt like this', Clare Mackintosh will be in conversation with Shobhaa De about her book of the same name. Clare, a crime fiction writer, wrote the memoir on the first anniversary of her five-week-old son's death. In 'The shape of us', Ghazala Wahab, Pankaj Mishra, Santosh Desai, Shefalee Vasudev and Manish Sabharwal will talk about contemporary India and what shapes society today.

About 25% of the sessions will focus on Kannada and other Indian languages. A session titled 'Samiksheyalli kanda badukina kathegalu (Life stories from the census)', featuring Guruprasad Kantalagere, Haseena Malnad, Sudha Adukala with Abdul Rasheed, will shed light on the recently concluded census.

The festival will open with a keynote session featuring International Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq.

The 21-acre park will hold the festival's four stages and a bookstore, in addition to the children's literature festival which will have three stages. "It is a beautiful venue in the heart of the city, with immense possibilities for public events. Work is underway to ensure it is ready for the large numbers we anticipate," Ramamoorthy shares.

December 6 and 7, 9 am onwards. At Freedom Park, Seshadri Road. For details, visit bangaloreliteraturefestival.org.

POPCORN

Hello sunshine

Who would imagine, among the many things short in India, sunshine would be one. Over three decades, the sunlight falling on our country has dimmed by about 13%, according to a study.

That's because of crop burning, vehicle exhaust and construction dust rising in the atmosphere. But, given the optimism that overwhelms us in the face of all the gloom, we are sure to see a positive side to it. One of E M Forster's characters hints that Indians act crazy because of the heat. The Brits, who dreaded the heat and dust in these parts, will no longer be able to say such things about us. That's good, innit?

Stray dog bite compensation triggers concerns of misuse

Activists seek stricter checks as pet bites may be pinned on strays

TINI SARA ANIEN
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The Karnataka government's recent announcement of a Rs 5,000 compensation for victims of stray dog bites has triggered a wave of memes. In their posts, netizens are jokingly inviting dogs to bite them for the payout. Activists fear that people with grudges against community dogs "could exploit the provision by claiming repeated bites" and push for the animal's removal.

The government's order also promises Rs 5 lakh compensation in cases of death caused by stray dog bites, but the animal welfare community has apprehensions about the Rs 5,000 payout. The current order is a revised version of the 2023 order.

Animal welfare activist Manjari Chaitanya questions the rationale of a Rs 5,000 compensation when Anti-Rabies Vaccines (ARV) are available for free at Primary Health Centres (PHC). "The government should (instead) prioritise uninterrupted vaccine and immunoglobulin supply," she says. Poor data segregation is another worry. She says hospitals log everything from pet dog bites to stray dog bites and even cat scratches under one "dog bite" category.

Community dog caregiver Nandita Subbarao also fears pet dog bites may now be blamed on stray dogs.

Animal welfare warden Aniruddha Ravindra says stringent checks are essential before releasing compensation. Victims must explain in detail how the bite occurred, and a nodal officer must verify the spot of the attack if victims were unable to photograph the dog that bit them. "Wounds alone can't confirm a dog bite, since similar marks can come from cats or monkeys," he says.

Sudha Narayan, founder of CARE, says the order aims to ease the burden on bite victims who have to travel to government hospitals for ARV and immunoglobulin shots. This will particularly benefit low-income families, she says. However, she suggests routing all bite reports through the city's rabies helpline so an integrated bite case management officer can verify incidents on-site. The helpline number is 63648 93322.

Priya Chetty Rajagopal, trustee of the C J Memorial Trust, points out that the compensation scheme for stray dog bites goes back a long time. "Claims applied only to stray bites and required an animal husbandry officer's sign-off or a police complaint. Eventually, the provision disappeared. Activists pushed BBMP to revive it, and funds were allocated (for it) in 2023," she says.

A new government order promises Rs 5,000 compensation for stray dog bites. DH PHOTO/B K JANARDHAN

GBA: It is just a simple process

Vikas Suralkar, Special Commissioner (GBA), says the order's main aim is to ensure ARV supply across all health facilities. He says the process to claim compensation is "straightforward". Visit the nearest PHC, where a doctor will note wound severity. After which, the animal husbandry assistant director will process the claim. No additional documents are needed, and payouts can be released in 7-10 days, he says.

3-day photography show spotlights India's lunar mission

Bangalore International Centre (BIC), Domlur, will host a photography exhibition chronicling the successful launch of India's lunar mission Chandrayaan-3. The show, titled 'Footprints on the Moon', will be on display from November 28 to 30, 11 am onwards.

It features 13 backlit works captured by Chennai-based photographer Dheeraj Khandelwal. "These photographs depict India's lunar dreams and the excitement surrounding the country's historic moon landing," he says.

Khandelwal says the project was born from a childhood fascination with space. "I always wanted to be an astronaut. The exhibition stems from a deep curiosity about capturing rockets you see for just a few seconds before they disappear into space," he says.

One of photos that will be displayed.

He shot the images at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, in 2023. The launch "turned out to be far more emotional than expected". He was moved by 15,000 spectators who had gathered there, mostly young children. "They were all cheering as the countdown hit zero," he recalls.

He has exhibited these works previously in Chennai, and one of these works was showcased at Times Square in New York. Alongside the exhibition, Khandelwal will conduct a workshop on rocket and aviation photography, covering techniques and best practices. However, he admits every memorable photograph needs a small luck factor too.

RSVP to bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

Search for soulmates surges towards year end

Matchmakers say festive socialising, returning NRIs, slower work and more free time drive the interest

BARKHA KUMARI
TEAM METROLIFE

It is a busy time for some matchmakers in Bengaluru. They say enquiries for potential matches rise by 12-35% toward the year-end as many do not want another year to go by without a partner.

Relationship coach and matchmaker Radhika Mohta will host at least three singles' mixers in the coming weeks, centred on activities such as pickleball, books, and salsa. She will also conduct online workshops for members of dating apps and singles-focused communities, including overseas clients.

Radhika notes that in India, interest in matchmaking begins to climb around Deepavali thanks to increased socialising during the festive season, and continues until Valentine's Day, when few want to be alone. Festive gatherings often bring the familiar question "When are you getting married?" and this creates pressure to find a partner, she explains.

Ravi Kumar N D, director of Hanumanthnagar-based Anuraga Matrimony, points out that October to December is also the Hindu wedding season. "Seeing others' children getting married pushes families to start the process for their own kids," he says. His company sees more enquiries from women aged 23-27 and men aged 25-29 during this period.

Jhanvi (name changed) is currently feeling this seasonal pressure. The Bengaluru-based content specialist, in her hometown Kolkata for a friend's wedding, has been receiving questions about marriage from her family. "It is a lot of pressure and at times I feel frustrated to the point of wanting to find someone just to get it over with," says the 36-year-old.

Experts say youngsters meet with a stronger date-to-marry mindset as the year draws to a close.

Year-end is also when many NRIs visit India, allowing families to arrange meetings with potential alliances that would otherwise be difficult, says a representative from VanajaRao Quick Marriages in Jayanagar. Enquiries mostly come from families seeking matches for children aged 29-35.

Radhika says that year-end is also when people try to tick off personal goals from their bucket lists, and for some, finding a partner is one of those goals. Suman Deokar, who oversees the Bengaluru expansion of Pune-based JeevanMeet, has observed this pattern too. The platform sees a slight uptick in sign-ups in December. "When their own attempts during the festive season don't work out, people feel somewhat hopeless and turn to professionals," she says. And with work slowing down at MNCs toward the end of the year, people have more time and energy for matchmaking compared to the busy appraisal season, she adds.

Dating app Aisle sees a 12-15% increase in sign-ups, and a stronger date-to-marry mindset among users around this time. Chandni Gaglani, head of the Aisle Network, says long-inactive users reactivate their profiles, and some others join after attending a friend's wedding. Attendance at their offline singles' mixers also increases by 20-30%, and they see a marked improvement in the quality of engagement. She explains, "Participants spend more time talking. They actively exchange contacts, and approach compatibility discussions with greater seriousness".

She shares another striking metric. They receive three times the wedding invitations from Aisle members between mid-November and mid-January compared to other months. "Many of these couples matched during the previous year's festive window," she remarks.

Probationary IPS officers Ishita Gupta, Ranu Gupta, Bhanu Prakash J, Pawar Shubham Suresh, Megha Aggarwal and Annanya Srivastav meet Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at Vidhana Soudha. Director General of Police M A Saleem, Additional Chief Secretary Anjum Parvez and ADGP of Internal Security Division Ravi were present.

CM greets new batch of six state-cadre IPS probationers

BENGALURU, DHNS: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday met the 2024 batch of probationary Indian Police Service (IPS) officers at his office in Vidhana Soudha, marking their first official visit to the state after training.

The chief minister congratulated the six officers of the Karnataka cadre on embarking on a career of great responsibility and wished them success in their crucial public service roles.

The batch, comprising officers from across the country, included states' own Bhanu Prakash J, along with Annanya Srivastav, Ishita Gupta, and Megha Aggarwal (all from Uttar Pradesh), Pawar Shubham Suresh (Maharashtra), and Ranu Gupta (Bihar).

The meeting was attended by key state officials, including Additional Chief Secretary Anjum Parvez, State DGP M A Saleem, and ADGP of Internal Security Division Ravi.

CM meets activists fighting for prohibition

BENGALURU, DHNS: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday met agitators who want prohibition -- ban on sale of liquor -- imposed in Karnataka. The CM also received a letter from the protesters, who have been agitating at Freedom Park. The CM, along with Social Welfare Minister Dr H C Mahadevappa, also held a detailed discussion with a delegation of the protesters.

Where apathy to music legends' legacy has developed into a fine art

SRINIDHI R
DHARWAD, DHNS:

Call it government apathy or negligence of trusts and officials, an air of ingratitude pervades homes of the greats in Dharwad, considered a hub of Hindustani music.

Six national trusts (five music and one fine arts) have been established in the city in honour of stalwarts who shaped the city's rich musical heritage. But many of these have become inactive. The result: Dharwad's vibrant musical lineage is fading away gradually.

Beyond these trusts, Dharwad is home to ancestral houses of renowned musicians like Gangubai Hangal, Mallikarjun Mansur and Basavaraj Rajguru. Silence echoes in these houses, which once resonated with soulful ragas.

One striking example is 'Gangotri', the birthplace of legendary vocalist Gangubai Hangal at Shukravarpeth.

Gangubai was born on March 5, 1912, and spent her childhood in this modest rented house, before shifting to Hubballi in 1928.

She had fond memories of this house and associated it with her mother Ambabai, a Carnatic musician who gave up performing to support Gangubai's training in Hindustani music.

'Gangotri' was renovated in 2007–08 and converted into a museum-cum-music school. Today, due to administrative neglect, it is once again in ruins.

The walls and doors have crumbled, rubble fills the interior and entering the house is risky.

Dust, cobwebs and bricks and plaster that are coming apart greet the rare visitor. A wall of a neighbouring house has collapsed and the debris has spilled over into the compound of Gangotri.

The space that was meant to preserve the maestro's life journey through exhibits and serve as a training centre for young musicians, has been reduced to rubble, says art lover and social activist Uday Yendigeri.

A sum of Rs 2 crore sanctioned by the government a decade ago for constructing a 'Samskruthika Bhavan' in honour of Basavaraj Rajguru remains unused due to a long-pending land dispute near Akkana Balaga.

The ancestral home of Pandit Mallikarjun Mansur was converted into a museum in 2009 and initially housed music classes. Over time, these classes have ceased, says art promoter and social activist Shrishailgouda Kamatar.

But all is not lost. Kumar Bekkeri, senior assistant director of the Kannada and culture department, said deputy commissioner Divya Prabhu had shown interest in reviving 'Gangotri' into a museum of international standards and restarting music classes.

A proposal has been submitted to the government, seeking approval to establish a dedicated museum of music at the site.

Local residents have agreed to offer land for the project and the tahsildar has been instructed to survey the area and prepare the necessary documents.

"Once land is officially handed over, efforts will be made to secure funds," Bekkeri said. Also, the 'Samskruthika Bhavan' project is expected to become a reality soon, as alternative land parcels have been identified.

MLA Arvind Bellad has promised to give Rs 2 crore from the MLA's local area development fund for it, he said.

Gangotri, the residence of Gangubai Hangal, a legend of Hindustani music, lies in tatters in Dharwad. Ingratitude towards the contribution of such legends to the country's cultural scene seems ingrained in the powers that be as they look the other way even as the houses and memorials of the doyens crumble for want of attention.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

E-Tenders are invited by the Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Southern Railway, Salem-636005 for the following work:

S.No	Description	Description
1	Tender Notice Number and date	**GEM/2025/B/6919103 Dt.21.11.2025**
2	Name of work	Outsourcing of General furnishing, Welding, Carpentry, Plumbing, Trimming, Painting and passenger amenity attention works in primary & Secondary maintenance trains round the clock and Vinyl wrapping of coaches at Coimbatore & Erode C&W depot for a period of Three years. **(Custom Bid for Services).**
3	Estimate Value	Rs. 8,53,25,149.20
4	Tender Closing date and Time	15-12-2025 at 10:00:00
5	Tender Opening date and Time	15-12-2025 at 10:30:00
6	Web address	**http://www.gem.gov.in**

The Tender has been uploaded on the GeM portal **http://www.gem.gov.in** on 21.11.2025 As **Custom Bid.**

The firms registered in GeM Portal are only eligible to participate in this tender. Complete details of the above tenders are given on the GeM portal **"www.gem.gov.in".**

For Details of bid submission, please refer website portal **"www.gem.gov.in".**

For Details about scope of work, approximate value of tender, location and other documents, please refer website portal **"www.gem.gov.in"**

Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer,
Southern Railway, Salem - 636 005

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(SIGNAL & TELECOMMUNICATION WORKSHOP)
PODANUR
E-Tender

For and on behalf of the President of India, The Chief Workshop Manager, Signal and Telecommunication Workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore 641023, invites E-Tender for the following works as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** Tenderers/Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted. The Bid Security deposit should be made through online payment gateway or through available modes as mentioned in Tender document.

Tender Notice No SGW-S-203-WP-612453-25 dated.22.11.2025

1.	Name of work	Supply of Semi-Knock Down Wooden Packing Box to Drg.no. CWM/SK.400/Alt-3 for Electric Point Machine and packing of Electric Point Machine at S&T/WS/PTJ (Qty-5400)
2.	Approximate cost of the work	Rs. 74,72,952.00/- Including GST @ 18%
3.	Earnest money to be deposited	Rs. 1,49,500/-
4.	Completion period of work	24 Months
5.	Date and time of closing of tender	15.00 Hrs of 15.12.2025
6.	Website particulars	**www.ireps.gov.in**

For further details, visit office of the Chief Workshop Manager, Signal and Telecommunication workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore-641023.

Dy.CSTE/S&T/PTJ
For Chief Workshop Manager, S&T Workshop, Podanur

JHARIA REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DHANBAD

e-Procurement Notice

Tender Reference No: JRDA/CIVIL/25-26/26/857 Date: 15.11.2025

1.	Name of Work	**Annual Cleaning and Sanitation Work for 3 Years at Phase-II & Phase-III, Belgaria Township, JRDA.**
2.	Estimated Cost	Rs. 3,84,10,646.00
3.	EMD	Rs. 3,84,200.00
4.	Tender Document Cost	Rs. 10,000.00
5.	Time of Completion	3 Years
6.	Date/Time from which bid is available for online bidding	24.11.2025 at 03:00 PM
7.	Last Date/Time for on-line submission of bids	16.12.2025 at 5:00 PM
8.	Date and Time of Bid Opening	18.12.2025 at 11:30 AM
9.	Name and Address of Officer inviting tender	Head of Department (Civil), JRDA, Dhanbad, Hatia More, Golf Ground Road, Hirapur, Dhanbad - 826001 Jharkhand, India Email: infojrda.dhn@gmail.com

Note : 1. Only e-tenders will be accepted.
2. Further details can be seen on website – https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Sd/-
Head of Department (Civil)
PR 367069 Rural Development (25-26)_D **JRDA, Dhanbad**

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Tender Notice No. : DRMENGGRNC-126-2025, Dated 25.11.2025. Tender is invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg), S.E.Railway, Ranchi for and on behalf of The President of India for the following work: **Name of work :** Widening of cess and standardisation of bank slope in Silli-Kita section & in Ranchi-Hatia section. **Tender Value :** ₹ 4,09,05,806.17. **EMD value:** ₹ 3,54,500/-. **Tender Closing date & time:** 19.12.2025 at 15.00 hrs. Tenderers can visit the website **www.ireps.gov.in** for online tendering. PIN Code-834003. **(PR-879)**

CENTRAL RAILWAY

SOLAPUR DIVISION
MECHANICAL WORKS

Tender Notice No. GEM/2025/B/6901048 dated-24.11.2025
DRM(M)'s office, Central Railway, Solapur on behalf of the President of India invites sealed tender from the reputed firms/contractors for the following work. **1. Name of work with its locality :** The contract work of Mechanized internal cleaning and watering of platform return (RBPC)/Terminal trains at Pandharpur station of Solapur division for a period of three years on Manpower basis through Gem. **2. System of tendering :** Two packet system. **3. Approximate cost of work :** Rs. 1,06,00,345.92/- **4. Cost of the Tender form :** Nil **5. Address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased :** DRM(M)'s office, Central Railway, Solapur. **6. Earnest money to be deposited :** Rs. 2,03,010/- **7. Completion period of the work :** Three years from the date of commencement of the work. **8. Date and time for submission of tender :** 17.12.2025 at 10.00 hrs. **9. Date and time of opening of tender :** 17.12.2025 at 10.30 hrs. **10. Website particulars & notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen. : www.gem.gov.in/** ANJ-66

अपने जानवरों को रेल लाइन से दूर रखे

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा

अल्पकालीन ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट सूचना सं0–03 / 2025–26
2nd Call

ई–निविदा प्रसंग–RCD/JAMTARA/1044/25-26 दिनांक 24.11.2025

1	कार्य का नाम	**IRQP Work of Giridih-** IRQP Work of Giridih -Gandey-Pandeydih road (MDR-089) from Km 35.00 to Km 42.580 (Total length-7.580 Km) for the Year 2025-26
2	प्राक्कलित राशि	**रू0 699.90043** लाख (छह करोड़ निन्यानबे लाख नब्बे हजार तैंतालीस रूपये) मात्र
3.	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	03 (तीन) महीना
4.	ई–निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि एंव समय	10.12.2025 के दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक
5	ई–निविदा का वेबसाईट पर प्रकाशन की तिथि एंव समय	27.11.2025 के अपराहन 4:30 बजे से
6.	ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एंव पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा।
7.	ई–प्रोक्यूरमेंट अधिकारी का संपर्क नं0 / मोबाईल नं0	9279626462
8.	ई–प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल का संपर्क सहायता नम्बर	**0651-2401010**

नोटः– प्राक्कलित राशि घट–बढ़ सकती हैं। निविदा संबंधी अन्य जानकारी http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता ,
पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल,
जामताड़ा

PR.NO.367027 Road(25-26):D

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. 27/SBC/25 of 14-11-2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Sl.	Description of work	Approx Value
1	**Bengaluru Division: (SBC) -** Permanent Way Maintenance contract for two years in SSE/P.Way/Bengaluru Section.	**Rs. 5,44,80,188/-**
2	**Bengaluru Division: (WFD) -** Permanent Way Maintenance contract for two years in SSE/P.Way/Whitefield Section.	**Rs. 6,22,30,640/-**
3	**Bengaluru Division: (BWT) -** Permanent Way Maintenance contract for two years in SSE/P.Way/Bangarpet Section.	**Rs. 4,37,33,001/-**
4	**Bengaluru Division: (KPN) -** Permanent Way Maintenance contract for two years in SSE/P.Way/Kuppam Section.	**Rs. 4,96,68,240/-**
5	**Bengaluru Division: (KQZ) -** Permanent Way Maintenance contract for two years in SSE/P.Way/Kolar Section.	**Rs. 5,66,31,732/-**
6	**Bengaluru Division: (MYA) -** Permanent Way Maintenance contract for two years in SSE/P.Way/Mandya Section.	**Rs. 5,09,70,880/-**
7	**Bengaluru Division: (KGI) -** Permanent Way Maintenance contract for two years in SSE/P.Way/Kengeri Section.	**Rs. 4,46,87,498/-**
8	**Sub Work - I: KSR Bengaluru -** Proposed improvements to various amenities in Nandi Club. **Sub Work - II**: Bengaluru - Yeliyur section: Provision of rest rooms for SMs at Hanakere (HNK), Settihalli (SET), Hejjala (HJL) and Nayandahalli (NYH) stations in Bengaluru-Yeliyur section. Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later. (Composite Tender)	**Rs. 1,04,43,685/-**
9	**Bengaluru Division:** Provision of water cooler at KSR Bengaluru (SBC) - 14 Nos, Yelahanka (YNK) - 9 Nos, Bidadi (BID) - 1 No, Champion (CHU) -1 No, Coromandel (COL) - 1 No. and Oorgaum (OGM) -1 No. (Total - 27 Nos.). Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later	**Rs. 31,87,663/-**

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 10-12-2025**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Engineer /Co-Ordination Bengaluru

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CENTRAL RAILWAY

SOLAPUR DIVISION
SIGNALLING WORKS

DRM(S&T)'s Office, Central Railway, Solapur for and on behalf of President of India invites online e-tenders on Railway's e-procurement website www.ireps.gov.in from the capable, reputed firms /Contractors for the following works **Sr. No.:** 1 **Name of work with Its locality**: Protection/ shifting of S&T cable and provision of FOIS connectivity for development of Goods sheds along with circulating area and approach roads at various stations on Solapur division of Central Railway. **Tender No.**: SUR-N-T-2025-26-26 **Cost of the work:** Rs. 60,74,704.12 **Cost of the tender form:** NIL **Earnest money to be deposited:** Rs. 1,21,500.00 **Completion period of the work:** 8 Months **Date & Time of Closing of tender on www.ireps.gov.in 18.12.2025 at 15.30 Hrs.** The details are available in ireps webslte. Corrigendum/ amendments If any will be uploaded only on above e-procurement website. Only online tenders will be accepted. Manual/postal/email,FAX, by hand tenders will not be accepted. Bidders are requested to obtain Class III Digital Signature Certificate with company name and register the same with **www.ireps.gov.in** The Payment of Earnest Money (EMD) will be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. For further details please visit **www.ireps.gov.in.** ANJ-65

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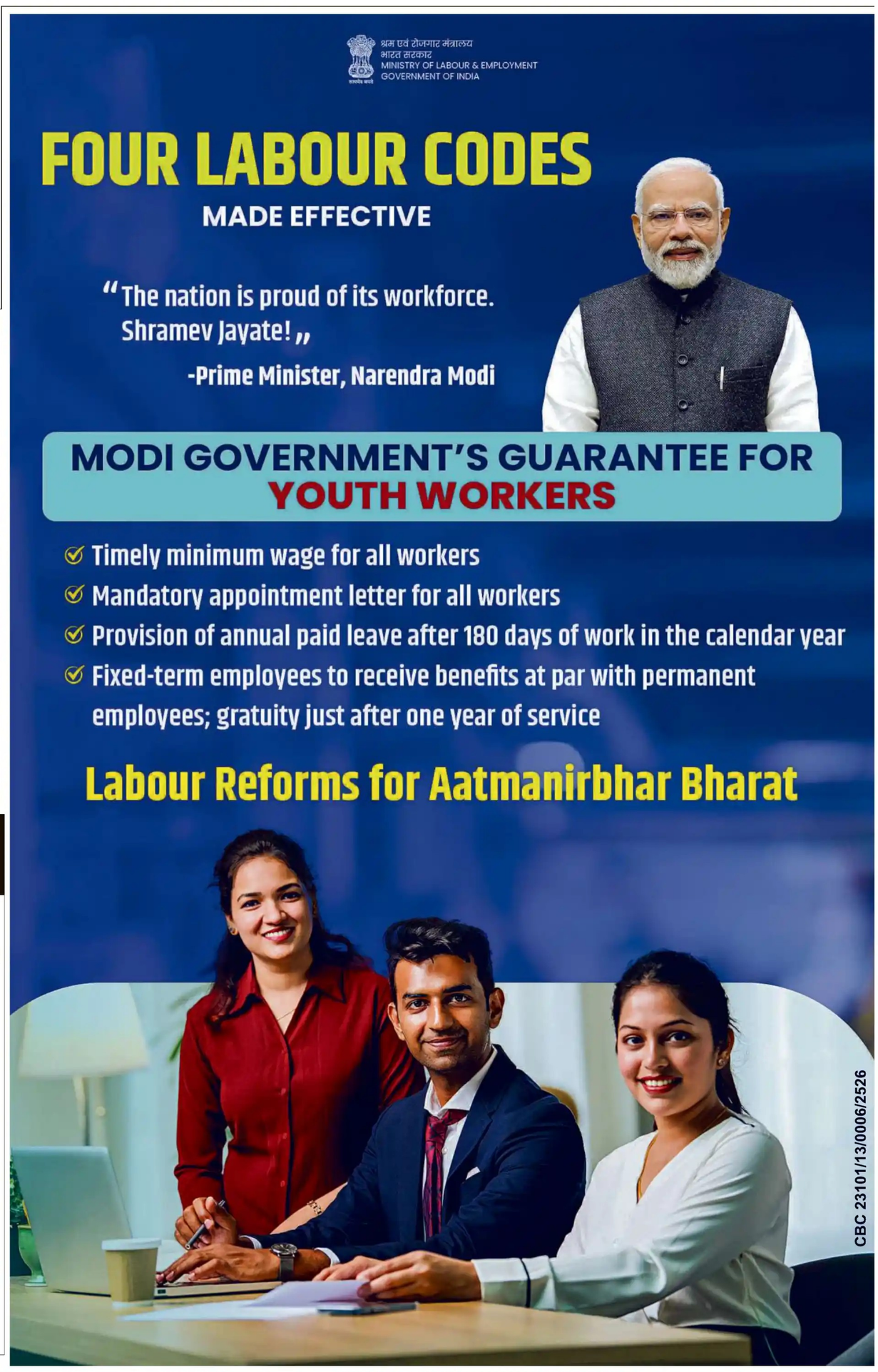
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ಆದಾಗಿ, ಕೆಳಸಹಿದಾರರು ಶ್ರೀ ಸುಧಾ ಕೋ–ಆಪ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್‌ನ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದು, ನೋಟೀಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ 03–09–2025 ರಂದು ಇದ್ದಂತೆ ರೂ.26,01,105/– (ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತಾರು ಲಕ್ಷದ ಒಂದು ಸಾವಿರದ ಒಂದು ನೂರ ಐದು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ) ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಸದರಿ ನೋಟೀಸ್ ತಲುಪಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 60 ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗೆ ಮರುಪಾವತಿ ಮಾಡುವಂತೆ ಸಾಲಗಾರರಾದ **ಶ್ರೀ. ಶಿವಸುಂದರ್ ಹೆಚ್.ಎಲ್. ಬಿನ್ ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ** ನಂ.10, 1ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, 4ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, 4ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ಗೊರಗುಂಟೇಪಾಳ್ಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560022 ಮತ್ತು ಜಾಮೀನುದಾರರಾದ **ಶ್ರೀ.ಎಂ.ಮಹಾಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಸಿದ್ದೇಶ್ವರಪ್ಪ** ನಂ–10, 1ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, 4ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, 4ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ಗೊರಗುಂಟೇಪಾಳ್ಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560022 ಇವರಿಗೆ ಕರೆ ನೀಡಿ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳ ಭದ್ರತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ರಚನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಭದ್ರತಾ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಜಾರಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ, 2002ರ ಅನ್ವಯ ಮತ್ತು ಭದ್ರತಾ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ (ಜಾರಿ) ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2002ರ ನಿಯಮ 3 ಓದಿಕೊಂಡಂತೆ ಪ್ರಕರಣ 13(12) ರ ಅನ್ವಯ ಪ್ರದತ್ತವಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಚಲಾಯಿಸಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04–09–2025 ರಂದು ಡಿಮ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ನೋಟಿಸ್ ನೀಡಿದ್ದರೂ ಸಹ, ಸಾಲಗಾರರು ಸಾಲದ ಬಾಕಿಯನ್ನು ಮರುಪಾವತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಹಾಗೂ ಜಾಮೀನುದಾರರುಗಳು ಸಾಲಗಾರರಿಂದ ಸಾಲ ಮರುಪಾವತಿ ಮಾಡಿಸುವಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಫಲರಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಸಾಲಗಾರರಿಗೆ, ಜಾಮೀನುದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸೂಚಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಭದ್ರತಾ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ (ಜಾರಿ) ನಿಯಮಗಳು, 2002 ರ ನಿಯಮ 8 ಓದಿಕೊಂಡಂತೆ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ಪ್ರಕರಣ 13 ರ ಉಪಪ್ರಕರಣ (4) ರ ಅನ್ವಯ ಪ್ರದತ್ತವಾಗಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಗಳನ್ನು ಚಲಾಯಿಸಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ವಿವರಿಸಿರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ:15/11/2025 ರಂದು ಕೆಳಸಹಿದಾರರು **ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.** ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಸಾಲಗಾರರಿಗೆ, ಜಾಮೀನುದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಎಚ್ಚರಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, 0ಯಾರೂ ಕೂಡ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸಬಾರದು. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ 0ಯಾರಾದರೂ, ಸದರಿ "ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಬಂಧ ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸಿದ್ದೇ ಆದರೆ ಅದು "ಶ್ರೀ ಸುಧಾ ಕೋ–ಆಪರೇಟಿವ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಲಿ, ಟಿ. ದಾಸರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಶಾಖೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560057". ಇದರ ಸಾಲದ ಖಾತೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಐ.ಪಿ.ಹೆಚ್–801700000010 ರ ಸಂಬಂಧ ದಿನಾಂಕ:24/11/2025 ರಂದು ಇದ್ದಂತೆ ಅಸಲು, ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಮತ್ತಿತರೆ ಬಾಬ್ತು ಬರಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವ ರೂ.26,17,510/– (ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತಾರು ಲಕ್ಷ ಹದಿನೇಳು ಸಾವಿರದ ಐದು ನೂರ ಹತ್ತು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ) ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಖಾತೆ ಚುಕ್ತಾ ದಿನಾಂಕದವರೆಗಿನ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಮತ್ತಿತರೆ ಖರ್ಚುಗಳ ಬಾಬ್ತು ಪಾವತಿಗೊಳಪಡುತ್ತದೆ. ಭದ್ರತಾ ಆಸ್ತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಬಿಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ಸಮಯದ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ಪ್ರಕರಣ 13(8) ರ ಉಪಬಂಧಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸಾಲಗಾರರ ಗಮನ ಸೆಳೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಾಲಗಾರರ ಹೆಸರು

ಶ್ರೀ ಶಿವಸುಂದರ್ ಹೆಚ್.ಎಲ್.
ಬಿನ್ ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ

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ಬೃಹತ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಮಾಜಿ 11ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಹಾಲಿ 38ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್‌ಗೆ ಸೇರಿದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ, ಹಿಂದೆ ಜಾರಕಬಂಡೆ ಕಾವಲು ದಾಖಲೆ, ಗೊರಗುಂಟೆ ಪಾಳ್ಯದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.07ರ ಪೈಕಿ 10ನೇ ನಂಬರು ಸ್ವತ್ತಾಗಿ, ನಂತರ ಖಾತಾ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಗೊರಗುಂಟೆಪಾಳ್ಯ, 4ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, 4ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡ ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ 10ನೇ ನಂಬರು ಪೈಕಿ ಉತ್ತರಾರ್ಧ ಭಾಗದ ಸ್ವತ್ತಾಗಿ ಹಾಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಪಿಐಡಿ ನಂ.11–41–10/1, ಮುನ್ಸಿಫಲ್ 10/1ನೇ ನಂಬರು ಸ್ಥಿರಾಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ: **ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ :** ರಸ್ತೆ, **ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ :** ಶ್ರೀ. ಸೊಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ ರವರ ಸ್ವತ್ತು, **ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ :** ಶ್ರೀ. ಸೊಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ ರವರ ಸ್ವತ್ತು, **ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ:** ಇದೇ ಮಾಜಿ ನಂ.10ನೇ ನಂಬರು ಪೈಕಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಎಲ್.ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ ರವರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣಾರ್ಧ ಭಾಗದ ಸ್ವತ್ತು. ಈ ಮಧ್ಯೆಯಿರುವ, **ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ:** 30–00 ಅಡಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು **ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ:** 12–50 ಅಡಿಗಳು **ಒಟ್ಟು 375–00 ಚದರ ಅಡಿಗಳ** ನಿವೇಶನವನ್ನೊಳಗೊಂಡ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಕಟ್ಟಡ.

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निविदा सूचना का शुद्धिपत्र

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CM agrees to provide Rs 149 crore for strengthening GTTCs

'Govt-run institution has 100% placement'

BENGALURU, DHNS

Impressed with the employment rate at the Government Toolroom and Training Centres (GTTCs), Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has assured of providing more funds for the strengthening of these centres.

In a review meeting of the GTTCs on Tuesday, Siddaramaiah agreed to get a loan of Rs 149 crore for the strengthening of the existing GTTCs across the state.

Sharing the same after the meeting, Medical Education and Skill Development Minister Dr Sharan Prakash Patil said, "In the review meeting, the chief minister sought details of the placements and enrollment at GTTCs. We have presented the entire data since the inception of GTTCs in 1972."

As shared by the minister, GTTCs have 100% placement, and enrollment increased from 2,500 to 6,000 this year with the introduction of various new courses.

"Seven more new centres have been approved. In this, two have to come before the cabinet for clearance. Once we get clearance, we will call for the tender," he added.

Patil said that the government is also setting up language labs at GTTCs.

"The language labs will begin with German as the demand for our students is high in Germany. Soon, they will be extended to other languages, considering the demand for employment," the minister stated.

The government says the enrollment of students at the Government Toolroom and Training Centres (GTTCs) increased from 2,500 to 6,000 this year with the introduction of various new courses. DH FILE PHOTO

MoU with Korean firm

GTTC on Tuesday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) the South Korean firm HyVision India. Hyvision India Pvt Ltd is a Korean-promoted firm providing camera solutions to iPhone manufacturer Foxconn.

The MoU establishes a framework for cooperation in technical training, skilled manpower development, and the sharing of facilities in areas such as automation, machine vision, precision machining, and equipment assembly.

The agreement was signed by Lee Yunho, Managing Director of Hyvision India, and Siddalingappa Pujari, Managing Director of GTTC.

Both institutions agreed to offer industrial exposure, internships, and placement opportunities to eligible GTTC trainees, along with the sharing of industrial facilities and demonstration equipment for educational and research purposes.

New skill development initiative

In a move aimed at expanding livelihood opportunities for Karnataka's youth, Uber India has proposed a new skill development initiative that combines driving training with certified tourist-guide skills.

Mike Orgill, head of Public Policy, Asia Pacific at Uber, said that equipping drivers with tourism-related skills would significantly improve income prospects, especially for marginalised communities.

He was speaking at the meeting with Dr Sharan Prakash Patil.

The Karnataka Skill Development Corporation (KSDC) currently trains candidates in both light and heavy vehicle driving. Over 100 trained drivers have already secured employment in India and abroad.

Taking note of this success, Uber proposed the "driver-cum-tourist guide" model to further enhance earning potential.

Welcoming the same, the Minister said, "Integrating soft skills into driver training would be beneficial; the proposal would be placed before the next board meeting."

Free textbooks, notebooks to govt, aided schoolkids

Move part of efforts to drive admissions at govt institutions

BENGALURU, DHNS

As part of its sustained efforts to increase enrolment at state-run and aided schools, the Department of School Education and Literacy has decided to distribute notebooks free of cost to all the students at these institutions from the next academic year. The department is currently calculating the budgetary allocation for the initiative.

Officials said that notebooks to the students would be provided by the Karnataka Textbook Society. All the schools will have to furnish information on their student strength and requisition notebooks accordingly.

Minister for School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa confirmed that the department would freely distribute notebooks to the children, along with textbooks, shoes, socks, uniforms and bags. Meanwhile, teachers at government and aided schools have been asked to inform the parents about the benefits of enrolling their children at government schools.

More than 50 lakh children are enrolled at the more than 46,000 government and 7,500 government-aided schools across the state. What is more, first and second-year pre-university students at government and aided colleges will also receive free teztbooks and notebooks from the next academic year, said Madhu.

An official from the department said, "We learnt that some parents in rural areas were struggling to purchase notebooks for their kids. This prompted the government to take the decision to distribute notebooks free of cost."

Officials admitted that a few not-for-profit organisations were involved in distributing notebooks to government schoolchildren. "The cost of a single notebook has soared to Rs 25, which is a lot for poor parents. Cognisant of this, the CM decided that notebooks would be given freely to students," another official said.

One more tiger rescued in Sargur taluk

MYSURU, DHNS: A team of Forest Department officials rescued a 5- to 6-year-old male tiger on the fringes of the Molyur range under the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, near Puradashettu village in Sargur taluk in the district on Tuesday morning.

Territorial Division DCF K Paramesha said the tiger was sighted in the areas around Hegunuru, Anjipura, and other villages of the taluk. The forest officials received complaints of cattle being killed, also. Hence, the officials took up a combing operation in the region, he said.

Followed by four tiger attacks resulting in the deaths of three farmers, the forest officials have intensified the combing operations in the region.

Shukla shares harsh realities of space travel

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Department of Science and Technology organised an interactive session and a felicitation ceremony for IAF astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, an Indian Air Force officer who recently flew on the Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) at the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium.

During the programme, Shukla interacted with students from across Karnataka and shared a first-hand glimpse into life as an astronaut.

He also presented a short video summarising his space journey and the intensive training he had to undertake.

Shukla kicked off his speech by jokingly mentioning that this time around, he would refrain from talking about Bengaluru's traffic.

"During my previous speech in Bengaluru, I jokingly mentioned that space was easier than navigating Bengaluru traffic. During the earlier conference, too, I had said a lot of things about space, but what got picked up was that one statement. So today, I'll refrain from talking about traffic and only talk about space," he said.

Throughout the interaction, Shukla stressed the importance of maintaining both physical and mental health to become an astronaut.

IAF astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, who recently flew on the Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS), signs autographs to students at an interaction programme organised at the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium in Bengaluru on Tuesday. DH PHOTO

He also shared the harsh realities of space travel — the difficulty of adjusting to microgravity, struggling to stand after returning to Earth, and the extreme G-forces astronauts endure.

"In emergencies, the spacecraft can exert 18–20 Gs — it feels like an elephant sitting on your chest," he said.

Speaking about the future of India's space programme, he praised ISRO's Gaganyaan Mission, saying, "Gaganyaan is not just a mission—it is India's declaration that we can achieve world-class space capability in our own way. We will be cost-effective without ever compromising on quality."

He fielded numerous questions from students and reminded them that spaceflight is the result of teamwork.

"I may appear as a hero to you today, but thousands of engineers, doctors and specialists made my mission possible. You can become any one of them," he said.

Shukla urged students to set high goals and work relentlessly toward them "I trained for five years for a 20-day journey. Perseverance and patience are essential," he added

Speaking at the event, Minister for Minor Irrigation and Science and Technology N S Boseraju highlighted various initiatives undertaken by the department, such as the distribution of 833 telescopes to rural schools, upcoming astronomy training for teachers, an astronomy-based academic calendar, and the launch of Nehru Stream Labs to promote hands-on learning.

Minister for School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa, Principal Secretary N Manjula, and Planetarium Director BR Guruprasad were also present at the event.

Govt constitutes panel to review SEP report

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Department of Higher Education has issued an order constituting a committee to review the State Education Policy (SEP) Commission report.

The committee, headed by the principal secretary of the Higher Education department, comprises vice chairman of Karnataka State Higher Education Council, commissioner of Collegiate and Technical Education department, director of Technical Education. The special officer of the Higher Education department will be the member-secretary.

The committee was formed three months after the submission of the final report to the Chief Minister by the SEP commission, led by Prof Sukhadeo Thorat. The review committee has to submit a report within two weeks. The same will be placed before the Cabinet for further action, the order stated.

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I, **Rajath Immanuel,** residing at No. 178, 4th Main, 2nd Cross, Viveknagar Further Extension, Bengaluru-560 047, have changed my name to **RAJATH IMMANUEL P** vide affidavit dated 25.11.2025 before notary S.I. Balaguru, Bengaluru. Henceforth I shall be called **RAJATH IMMANUEL P** only

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I, **SUNANDA KOTTAKKAL KOVILAKAM,** W/O. SASEENDRA VARMA P K, No. 206/1, PRASHANTH NAGAR, PIPELINE ROAD, T. DASARAHALLI, BANGALORE-560057, have changed my name to **SUNANDA KOTTAKKAL COVILAKAM,** vide Affidavit Dated 21-11-2025 sworn to before Advocate and Notary Public V.Anjanappa, Bengaluru

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2.	95	01	29	Property in Sy. Nos. 94	Property in Sy. Nos. 89	Property in Sy. Nos. 94	Property in Sy. Nos. 96
3.	101	01	00	Road	Property in Sy. Nos. 135	Property in Sy. Nos. 25	Property in Sy. Nos. 102
4.	102	01	00	Road	Property in Sy. Nos. 135	Property in Sy. Nos. 101	Property in Sy. Nos. 103
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Two PSIs among seven arrested for robbing jeweller

DAVANGERE, DHNS

The Davangere police on Tuesday arrested two police sub-inspectors (PSIs) and five others on charges of robbing a jeweller (artisan) of gold ornaments worth Rs 7.5 lakh.

According to Superintendent of Police Uma Prashanth, police sub inspectors Malappa Chippalakatti and Praveen Kumar, jewellery shop owners Satish Revankar, Nagaraj Revankar, Dundeppa, Nagesh and Dilyappa were arrested and 78 grams of gold ornaments, two air guns and three cars were seized from them.

Mallappa Chippalakatti was recently transferred from Hamsabhavi police station in Haveri district to Sagar police station in Shivamogga district, while Praveen Kumar was transferred from Ranebennur traffic police station to the wireless wing of IG office in Davangere. Both the PSIs had not reported to their new postings.

The accused robbed Vishwanath Arkasali, a jeweller from Karwar, in the early hours of Monday. After collecting gold

Malappa Chippalakatti

Praveen Kumar

bars and old rings from jewellers in Mandipete and Halepete of Davangere, Vishwanath reached the KSRTC bus terminal at 12.30 am on November 23 to return to Karwar. The PSIs detained him from a Hubballi-bound bus and took him to the KTJ Nagar police station and threatened him.

Speaking to *DH*, the SP said the accused SIs introduced themselves as the officials of IG squad at the KTJ Nagar police station and said that they were taking a suspicious person for questioning.

They threatened Vishwanath by saying that he was smuggling gold jewellery to many places, including Goa and Dubai. The police inspectors took Vishwanath to a deserted area in a private car, brandished an air gun and threatened him to hand over gold jewellery, so that they would not file a case. They snatched 78 grams of gold ornaments and a gold bar and warned him not to inform anyone about this.

Later, they dropped him at the bus stand.

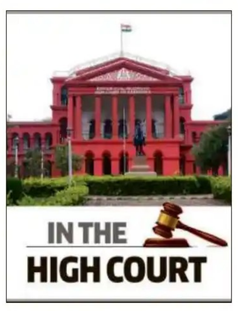
Vishwanath rushed to the KTJ Nagar police station and filed a case. Investigation revealed that the owner of a gold shop had informed the PSIs about Vishwanath. The department would initiate disciplinary action against the PSIs and a report has been submitted to the higher officials, the SP said.

High Court quashes prohibitory orders against Kaneri Mutt seer

Seer was barred from entering Dharwad district for two months

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Dharwad bench of the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday quashed the order passed against Adrushya Kadsiddeshwara Swami, a prominent religious leader and pontiff of Kaneri Mutt, Kolhapur district, Maharashtra, prohibiting his entry into the limits of Dharwad district.



The prohibitory order was passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Dharwad, on November 4, 2025, invoking Section 163(4) of the BNSS, 2023, citing the law-and-order issue. The order prohibited the entry of the seer to the limits of Dharwad district for the period commencing from November 5, 2025, to January 3, 2026.

Challenging this order, the seer argued that the power to pass a prohibitory order under BNSS section 163 was used by the state with mala fide intention and extraneous considerations, and without any notice to him as to the basis on which the order would be passed.

On the other hand, the state government submitted that the seer, despite the Apex Court's observation in earlier proceedings, continued to speak in the same manner that he spoke earlier. Therefore, as a matter of abundant caution, apprehending that he would generate disharmony amongst the people of the locality, the order was passed.

Justice M Nagaprasanna noted that the order is wholly indefensible and unsustainable when examined on the touchstone of the principles delineated by the Apex Court as well as different High Courts. "The order fails to record the existence of any emergent situation that could conceivably justify a restraint enduring for as long as two months. The mere fact that the statute permits a maximum duration of two months does not bestow upon the authority a license to exercise such power in a cursory and cavalier manner as reflected in the present case," Justice Nagaprasanna said.

The court further said, "There is an absence of any record for subjective satisfaction on the part of the respondent that an ex-parte order was warranted. Equally absent is any indication of a prevailing emergency vis-à-vis the petitioner that could justify a restraint of such disproportionate length."

M'luru double murder case: HC rejects plea of insanity by accused

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka High Court has rejected the petition filed by an accused in a double murder case pleading the defence of insanity.

Justice M I Arun said that a mere plea of insanity is not sufficient, and the onus is on the petitioner to prove the same.

The petitioner Alphonsa Saldanha is accused of killing Vincent D'Souza and his wife Helen D'Souza in the presence of their two children in April 2020.

While in judicial custody, Saldanha was treated by a prison psychiatrist and he subsequently filed two applications before the trial court, one under section 45 of the Indian Evidence Act, read with CrPC section 311, and the other under section 105 of the Mental Healthcare Act. He sought further scrutiny of the records regarding unsoundness of his mind and a proper diagnosis of the same. He moved the High Court after the trial court rejected his applications in 2023.

The trial court said that the opinion of the expert on a mere single examination of the accused is of no evidentiary value to adjudicate the unsoundness of mind of the person at the time of commission of the offence. The petitioner contended that he did not have the necessary mens rea at the time of commission of the offence. He further argued that under the Mental Healthcare Act, during any judicial process, if proof of mental illness is produced, the same shall be referred by the court for further scrutiny to the concerned medical board.

The court said that to prove the fact of unsoundness of mind at the time of commission of the act, the petitioner has to establish by adducing necessary evidence regarding his behaviour and conduct before, during and after the occurrence of the act and by relying upon his history of the diagnosis, treatment and medications. "...a mere plea of insanity is not sufficient; and the onus is on the petitioner to prove the same. Further, what has to be considered by the courts is the state of mind of the petitioner at the time of commission of the offence and not whether the petitioner is of unsound mind as of today or not," Justice Arun said.

The court further said, "Perusal of the records shows that DW6 is the only psychiatrist examined by the petitioner. Nowhere in the examination-in-chief a question is put to him to speak about the unsound mind of the petitioner sufficient to establish his incapacity of knowing the nature of his act of killing or that what he did was either wrong or contrary to the law. Evidence of the other persons so far adduced and the 313 statement of the accused/petitioner herein also does not satisfy the ingredient of unsoundness of mind as contemplated under Section 84 of the IPC."

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2. ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ಮಧ್ಯವರ್ತಿಗಳು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ನಕಲಿ ದಾಖಲೆ ಹಾಗೂ ನಕಲಿ ಸಹಿ ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಸಿ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡಿಸುವುದಾಗಿ ಹಣ ವಸೂಲಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಮಾಧ್ಯಮಗಳಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ದೂರುಗಳಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಯಾವುದೇ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ನೇರ ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಕಾರಣ ಮಧ್ಯವರ್ತಿಗಳಿಂದ ಮೋಸ ಹೋಗದೆ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಹೆಸರಿನ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸುವಾಗ ನೈಜತೆ ಕುರಿತು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಲು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ.

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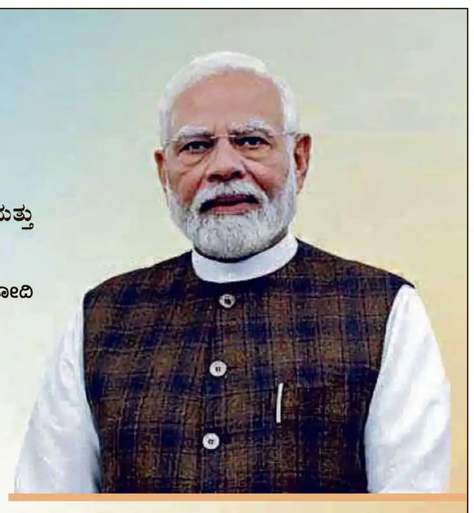

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IAS officer Mahantesh Bilagi among three die in car accident

KALABURAGI, DHNS: Senior IAS officer and Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited Managing Director Mahantesh Bilagi (50) was killed as the car in which he was travelling overturned near Gaunalli Cross in Jewargi taluk on Tuesday.

Mahantesh Bilagi

His relatives Shankar Bilagi (52) and Eranna Bilagi also died in the accident.

Bilagi had served as the Managing Director of Bescom. He had also served as Deputy Commissioner of Davangere and assistant commissioner of Dharwad.

Bilagi and four of his relatives were travelling in a car from his native Ramdurg to Kalaburagi to attend a relative's wedding. The accident occurred at 6 pm when the driver lost control and hit the road divider. Bilagi succumbed to his injuries in a hospital while two others died on the spot The injured have been admitted to the private hospital in the city.

The Jewargi police have registered a case.

CM Siddaramaiah and DCM D K Shivakumar expressed grief over passing of the senior IAS officer.

Senior journalist Michael Patrao passes away

BENGALURU, DHNS: Senior journalist Michael Robert Patrao, who worked with *Deccan Herald* for over three decades, passed away here on Tuesday. He was 66.

Born into a Konkani-speaking Catholic family in Mangaluru on September 9, 1959, Patrao studied BCom at St Aloysius College, Mangaluru, and completed his MA (English) at Karnatak University, Dharwad.

Michael Patrao

After a stint in advertising, he joined *Deccan Herald* in 1992, starting as a reporter in the Bengaluru bureau before covering Karnataka politics and public policy. He reported on several elections, wrote extensively on Bengaluru's history and heritage, and was a prolific music critic who reviewed numerous albums.

In the later part of his career, he moved to the news desk and worked in various editorial roles. He retired on superannuation in 2017 but later returned to contribute to the newspaper's school edition.

He had reported for work on Monday. Patrao is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

His last rites will be performed at St Anne Church, Kelarai, in Mangaluru.

Mother strangles newborn girl to death

RAMDURG (BELAGAVI DISTRICT), DHNS: In a horrifying incident, a mother, in despair over the fact that she had given birth to a girl for the fourth time, killed her own daughter at the Mudakavi Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Ramdurg taluk in the district on Tuesday.

Police said that Ashwini Hanamantha Halakatti, a resident of Mudakavi village, gave birth to her daughter on Sunday.

Both Ashwini and her child were declared to be in good health.

On Tuesday, while inspecting the condition of the newborn infants, the staff at the PHC were horrified to find that Ashwini's daughter had been strangled to death.

Ashwini and her husband had been praying for a son this time. But when she gave birth to a girl again, Ashwini killed her own child.

High command should end confusion, says Siddaramaiah

Siddu loyalists claim no power-sharing deal with DKS

BENGALURU, DHNS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah mounted pressure on the Congress high command on Tuesday to clear the air over his tenure, admitting that there was "confusion" in the party.

"The high command has to decide to put a full stop to this confusion," Siddaramaiah told reporters.

Power tussle in the governing Congress has intensified after it completed two-and-a-half years in office on November 20, when a team of legislators loyal to Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar travelled to Delhi seeking Siddaramaiah's replacement.

"Let them (legislators) go. MLAs have that freedom. Let's see what opinion they give. Ultimately, it's the high command that has to decide. We'll abide by whatever the high command says," Siddaramaiah said.

Siddaramaiah's plan to reshuffle his Cabinet also seems paused. The initial indication was that top Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had given his 'green signal' for the exercise when Siddaramaiah met him on November 15. On Tuesday, however, Siddaramaiah said: "The Cabinet reshuffle will happen when the high command gives its nod."

Asked if he planned on meeting Rahul again, Siddaramaiah said: "No."

Meanwhile, Siddaramaiah's loyalists asserted that there was no power-sharing deal with Shivakumar.

"When Siddaramaiah was elected as the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader, there was no condition that was imposed as far as we know," Energy Minister KJ George said.

Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan also said there was no deal between Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar. "Siddaramaiah will continue as CM until 2028," he said, adding that the high command would soon end the imbroglio.

Chief Minister's Economic Advisor Basavaraj Rayareddi claimed that Siddaramaiah enjoys the support of the Lingayat community. "According to me, there won't be any change. Shivakumar himself hasn't said anywhere that he wants to become the CM," he said.

"If there will be a change, a CLP meeting should be called where I'll ask why Siddaramaiah should be replaced," he said.

Khader dismisses corruption allegations

Says no written queries submitted; clarifies issues

MANGALURU, DHNS

Legislative Assembly Speaker U T Khader said that those who made allegations of corruption or irregularities against him or his office had failed to submit their queries in writing.

Asked whether the issue would be taken up during the upcoming winter session in Belagavi, he said it was not a subject for discussion.

"I had clearly asked all those levelling allegations to submit their queries in writing. But none have done so. Truth is always available in documents. MLAs must act responsibly while making accusations," he said.

He added that all matters within the constitutional framework would be allowed on the Assembly floor.

On the allegation that shawls worth Rs 25,000 were bought to felicitate senior writers at the Lit Fest, Khader admitted it was true.

"When well-known writers visit, we cannot give ordinary shawls. These were purchased from Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation Ltd. All handicrafts were bought from the government-run Cauvery Handicrafts Emporium," he clarified.

Responding to criticism over the massage chairs placed in the Vidhana Soudha lounge, he said they were not purchased.

U T KHADER
Legislative Assembly Speaker

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"The company is marketing them by offering free services to elected representatives. It is my duty to ensure MLAs receive the required facilities."

On talk of a cabinet reshuffle, Khader said political matters were outside the purview of the Speaker.

Winter session

The winter session of the State Legislature will begin on December 8 at the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha and continue until December 19. Any decision on extending it will be taken by the Business Advisory Committee on the opening day. Six bills are slated to be tabled, and a garden in front of the complex will be inaugurated, he explained.

The world's second-largest national flag, measuring 50×75 ft and made of khadi by Vinod Kumar Revappa from Kalaburagi, will also be displayed. Issues concerning the people of North Karnataka are expected to feature prominently during the session, he said.

Kharge most deserving candidate for CM post, says Shivanand Patil

VIJAYAPURA, DHNS

Amid the ongoing "tussle for power" between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, Agriculture Marketing and Sugar Minister Shivanand Patil has said that AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge is the most deserving candidate for the chief minister's post.

Speaking to reporters in Vijayapura on Tuesday, Patil said, "I regret not voting for him in the past. He is the most valuable and eligible leader in the grand old party."

Calling the internal competition for power a "purely internal matter," Patil remarked that it is natural for leaders to aspire for CM post. "Everybody wants to be CM, but only one person can hold the post. If there were ten such posts, many senior ministers would have already become chief ministers," he quipped.

He added that sincere service to the party should be rewarded. "Some may get a full five-year term, while others must be content with two-and-a-half years," he said.

Patil dismissed speculation over meetings involving senior leaders. "There is nothing wrong if the Chief Minister or Deputy Chief Minister meets Kharge or holds a closed-door discussion. Ministers often visit Delhi for departmental work. Linking every visit to lobbying for CM's post or a ministerial berth is unnecessary," he clarified.

On a possible cabinet reshuffle, Patil said that any decision regarding a rejig rests solely with the chief minister.

DKS invokes conscience, says 'secret' lies with 5-6 people

Insists he hasn't sought CM's post; praises Siddaramaiah

BENGALURU, DHNS

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar seeks blessings of his family deity Kenkeramma, in Kanakapura on Tuesday.

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Tuesday invoked the idea of "conscience" amid his escalating power tussle with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, claiming that the "secret" behind the leadership issue was known only to a handful of Congress leaders.

Shivakumar made the remarks in his Kanakapura constituency after accompanying Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge from Sadashivanagar to the Kempegowda International Airport, from where Kharge departed for New Delhi.

"I haven't asked to be made the CM. This is a secret among 5–6 people, which I don't want to reveal. I don't want to embarrass or weaken the party. We are what we are because of the party," he said.

"I believe in my conscience. We must work as per our conscience," he added in what was widely viewed as a veiled message to Siddaramaiah. "Where there's effort, there's a reward."

Despite this, Shivakumar praised Siddaramaiah as a senior leader and "an asset" to the Congress. "He has completed 7.5 years as CM, including his first five-year term. He says he'll present the next budget — very good. He was also Leader of the Opposition. He has toiled and contributed to the party," he said. "All of us have 2028 (Assembly) and 2029 (Lok Sabha) as our targets."

He also stressed that the Congress victory was not due to him alone. Asked about MLAs visiting Delhi to push for his elevation as CM, he said, "I haven't spoken to any of them."

After casting his vote in the Kanakapura Taluk Agricultural Produce Co-operative Marketing Society (TAPCMS) election, Shivakumar visited the temple of Kenkeramma, his family's deity.

Ministers meet Shivakumar

Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan, Food and Civil Supplies Minister K H Muniyappa, and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge met Shivakumar on Tuesday. It was widely speculated that Priyank had gone to "convey" a message from the Congress high command.

Shivakumar's office, however, clarified that Muniyappa and Priyank were attending a meeting on the upcoming central cooperative bank elections.

Murugha Sharana's case verdict today

CHITRADURGA, DHNS: The judgment in the first Posco case filed against seer Shivamurthy Murugha Sharana of the Murugha Mutt will be pronounced on Wednesday. Judge Gangadharappa Hadapad of the Second Additional District and Sessions Court will deliver the order at 11 am.

As directed by the Supreme Court, a detailed trial was conducted in the first of the two Pocso cases registered against the seer.

After hearing the final arguments of the public prosecutor on November 18, the judge had reserved the order.

Advocate C V Nagesh presented arguments on behalf of the seer.

Youth JD(S) president Nikhil Kumaraswamy speaks at a demonstration of farmers at Sindhanur on Tuesday.

Cong ignoring farmers' plight, busy with power tussle: Nikhil

SINDHANUR (RAICHUR DISTRICT), DHNS: Floods in the state have left a trail of destruction and farmers are reeling under losses, but the Congress power and leadership is busy with a leadership tussle, JD(S) Youth president Nikhil Kumaraswamy told reporters in Sindhanur on Tuesday.

Nikhil, participating in a massive demonstration organised by farmers from Raichur, Koppal, Ballari and Vijayanagar districts in Sindhanur, alleged that Deputy CM D K Shivakumar was busy procuring legislators, offering each of them Rs 50 crore, to bolster his chances of becoming the CM.

"A Gujarat company was handed the contract to fix the 32 crest gates of the Tungabhadra Dam, and a sum of Rs 52 crore was allocated towards that. But the government is yet to settle the Gujarat company's bill that has come up to Rs 11 crore. This is yet another indication of this government's apathy towards the farmers of the Kalyana Karnataka region," said Nikhil.

Dubbing the Congress government 'thick-skinned', Nikhil said, "The Congress government in neighbouring Telangana is not only procuring paddy for the minimum support price (MSP) but offering an additional sum of Rs 500 to each farmer. But the government here is yet to set up paddy procurement centres. Cotton, maize and tur dal farmers are in distress, and instead of attending to their problems, all the Congress leaders are occupied with the fight over leadership."

JD(S) core committee president M Krishna Reddy, and former minister Hanumanthappa Alkod were among those who were present alongside Nikhil at the demonstration.

CLP meeting didn't put rider on CM's tenure: George

HOSAPETE, DHNS: When the Congress MLAs unanimously elected Siddaramaiah as the Congress Legislature Party leader there was no rider on tenure that the CM should serve. For now, there is no vacancy for CM post, Energy Minister K J George said on Tuesday.

K J George

"I have no idea on any power-sharing formula brokered by the high command. The party leadership should tell us, if any. There's no difference of opinion between the CM and his deputy. Both have, time and again, said that they would abide by the decision of the high command. No Congress legislator is for sale. It is all created by the BJP," George told reporters at Bailvaddigeri near here.

Replying to a specific query, George said, "If Sonia Gandhi did not take control of Congress, India, like BJP says, would have become Congress-mukt (Congress-free) country."

'State govt is in coma due to power tussle'

In Kalaburagi, Opposition leader R Ashoka said that the state government is in a coma due to the power tussle between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar. He asserted that the BJP will not form the government with the help of Congress MLAs in the event of defection, and his party will go for elections in such a case.

Congress should clear confusion before session begins: Vijayendra

DAVANGERE, DHNS: State BJP president B Y Vijayendra on Wednesday said that Karnataka does not need an outgoing chief minister or in-charge minister and the ongoing fight for the state's chief minister's chair in the Congress should stop before the winter session in Belagavi.

He told reporters on the sidelines of a protest staged demanding procurement centres for farm produce: "I am not telling that Siddaramaiah is the outgoing chief minister and some Congress leaders are telling it."

"The farmers are pinning their hopes on the winter session. If the fight for power continues, injustice will be done to them. AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge is helpless. It is ironic that Rahul Gandhi, sitting abroad, is deciding who will be the CM," he said.

PwD quota: Draft Bill fines violators, false claims

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The bill proposes to set up a state advisory committee and a state regulatory authority. The authority will have 6-10 persons including government representatives and field experts.

Carry forward

In educational institutions, unfilled reserved seats shall be carried forward for up to three academic years and reported annually to the authority. The draft also provides a five-year age relaxation in admission and a five percent relaxation in cut-off marks for general category admissions where applicable.

The Bill also proposes a similar carry-forward system for private companies, too, noting that vacancies shall be carried forward and retained in the employer's open roster for three consecutive recruitment cycles.

As per the proposals, a post may be exempted from reservation only where the essential functions cannot be performed even after reasonable accommodation.

Enforcement authority

The Bill mandates the government to establish a state enforcement authority to receive complaints, conduct hearings, impose penalties and so on as per state government guidelines.

Shanti Raghavan, founder of EnAble India, welcomed the government's initiative and urged institutions to equip schools to create opportunities by making products and services accessible to people with disabilities.

"When every teacher has baseline inclusive skills and materials are born-accessible, classrooms run better for all, outcomes improve, and the system becomes easier to emulate because people can see the value and the economic value. This is smart design that builds empathy and grows results."

SC rejects Christian Army officer's plea against sacking

Army, From Page 1

The bench, however, referred to the communications by the petitioner, saying if there was no action required, he should have been thrown out only on this ground.

"This exhibits the grossest kind of indiscipline by an army official," the bench said.

The counsel contended that it is not that when one joined the army, he lost the vestiges of his faith guaranteed under Article 25 of the Constitution.

"He was counselled by the pastor who said there is no breach of your faith if you go inside the sanctum sanctorum. He has his own personal interpretation. If the pastor says that it does not affect the essential feature of your faith, will the personal understanding of a believer be unique? Will the pastor's view be overridden," the bench asked.

The counsel submitted that the conversation with the pastor was limited to Sarv Dharam Sthal, and it was not about the temple and gurudwara.

The bench, however, pointed out, it was a regimental Sarv Dharam Sthal.

"You are the troop leader, there are Sikh soldiers, and because of the Sikh soldiers, there is a gurdwara, which is one of the most secular places to visit. The tone and tenor in which he is acting, is he not insulting his own soldier? He has his own religious ego," the bench said.

"For him, it was not a question of gurdwara, temple or church... he said even if a church is there in Sarv Dharam Sthal, he will still not go. Because there are other religious structures there. This is the attitude and approach of an army officer who is the group leader," the bench said.

The counsel contended that the petitioner had made it clear that his protestant, monotheistic faith does not permit him to worship other people in an active fashion.

The counsel submitted, the question simply for the court's consideration was if the fundamental rights under Article 25 of individuals is preserved.

The court, however, said, "Breach of Article 25 needs to be seen from the angle of essential features of a religion and not every sentiment of a religion. Every sentiment of a religion, Article 33, will come into place. In this situation, when we match from Article 25 to Article 33, we have to definitely acknowledge and respect your essential features... you have to respect the collective faith of the majority of your command, which you are commanding."

The bench said the petitioner insulted his own troops, and leaders have to lead by example.

"Where in the Christian faith is entering the temple of another faith barred," the bench asked the counsel, who cited the first commandment.

The bench said that the first commandment says you have faith in one God and pointed out that even in the Hindu religion, there is also faith in one God, and there is an overlap.

Lieutenant Samuel Kamalesan was commissioned into the Indian Army as a lieutenant in the 3rd Cavalry Regiment, which comprises three squadrons of Sikh, Jat, and Rajput personnel. He was made the troop leader of Squadron B, which comprises Sikh personnel.

◆ WEATHER ◆

Overview: Rainfall occurred at few places over Coastal Karnataka and dry weather prevailed over South Interior and North Interior Karnataka
Forecast Nov 26: Rainfall to occur at few places over the state.

INTERIOR NORTH

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Belagavi	30.6	18.8	00
Bidar	30	14.5	00
Vijayapura	29	17.5	00
Dharwad	29.8	17.5	00
Haveri	28.4	19.6	00
Kalaburagi	32.2	18.5	00
Raichur	30.8	20.6	00
COASTAL			
Honnavar	34.7	23.2	00
Karwar	36.6	24.4	00
Shirali	NA	NA	NA
Mangaluru	34.7	25.2	00

INTERIOR SOUTH

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Agumbe	NA	20.8	00
Bengaluru	27.4	18.8	00
Ballari	NA	NA	NA
Chamarajanagar	NA	NA	NA
Chikkamagaluru	NA	NA	NA
Chitradurga	29.6	18.2	00
Davangere	31	15	00
Hassan	NA	NA	00
Mysuru	29	19	00
Madikeri	NA	NA	NA
Kolar	28.2	15.6	00

OTHER STATIONS

New Delhi	26.1	09	00
Kolkata	28.4	17.2	00
Mumbai	32.8	21.9	00
Chennai	29.6	25.2	00
Pune	31.3	17.2	00
Hyderabad	30.2	18.2	00
Th'puram	27.4	23.4	0.7

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CORRIGENDUM - I

Sl.No	Description	Details
1	Name of work	Conducting geotechnical investigation for DRUPS building at LEOS & Aryabhata campuses, LEOS, Peenya, Bengaluru-58.
2	E-Tender Notice No.	CMG/LEOS/2025-26/LMN-02 dtd:29.10.2025
3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 8.28Lakhs
4	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	Extended up to 16.30 hrs on 28/11/2025
5	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 03/12/2025
6	Due date and time of opening of tenders	After 15.00 hrs on 03/12/2025

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.**

Sd/-,
Group Director, C&MG

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(ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಸಂ:ಕಾ.ಇಂ/ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ.ವಿ–ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ/ಜೆ.ಇ/ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:/14/2025–26/2097
ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14.11.2025

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–3 ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)
1.	PACKAGE 26, Improvements of Hudikeri GP Roads (DR No.97/2024-25) CALL-3 RDPR/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT12234/ CALL-3	OTHER	61.13
2.	Construction of class Rooms, Laboratory, Toilet rooms at Virajpet Govt. Pre-University College (VV 013) in Virajpet taluk Kodagu district. CALL-3 RDPR/2024-25/BD/WORK_ INDENT5765/CALL-3	OTHER	75.00

1. ಭರ್ತಿಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03–12–2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ
2. ಬಿಡ್ಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04–12–2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಷರತ್ತು ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್
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ನಂ. 333/1, 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ವಿ.ಜೆ. ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ಸೂಲಿಬೆಲೆ ರಸ್ತೆ,
ದೇವನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಟೌನ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ – 562110.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಬಿಐಎಎಪಿಎ/Auction/02/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25–11–2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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ಸಹಿ/–
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ವಾಸಾಸಂ:ಇ/ವಾ.ಪ್ರ/4020/ಅಡ್ವರ್ಟೈ/2025–26

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ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **http://kppp.Karnataka.gov.in**/ನ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಡೌನ್ ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ನಿಬಂಧನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ದರವನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05.12.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಶ್ರೀ ಲೋಕೇಶ್, ಎಸ್.ಡಿ.ಎ. ರವರ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 8277638224 ರವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಶೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ

(1)ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಾಜು ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು ಚಾಲ್ತಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 24.11.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 6.00 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ (2)ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 26.11.2025. (3) Pre-bid ಸಭೆಯು ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮುಂಡೇಶ್ವರಿ ದೇವಾಲಯದ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಚಾಮುಂಡಿಬೆಟ್ಟ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ 03.12.2025 12.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ (4)ಇ–ಹರಾಜಿಗೆ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ 05.12.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ (5)ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ 08.12.2025 ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ (6) ಇ–ಹರಾಜು ನಡೆಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ 18.12.2025 ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ರಿಂದ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 2.00 ರವರೆಗೆ ಮತ್ತು 5 ನಿಮಿಷ ಡೆಲ್ಟಾ ಟೈಮ್ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ
ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮುಂಡೇಶ್ವರಿ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
ಚಾಮುಂಡಿಬೆಟ್ಟ, ಮೈಸೂರು

ವಾಸಾಸಂ:ಇ/ಮೈಸೂರು/1280/ಎಸ್‌ಎಸ್‌ಸಿ/2025–26

KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
Established Under the State Financial Corporations 'Act 1951
BRANCH OFFICE: Near Ibrahimpur Rly. Gate, B.Bagewadi Road, Vijayapur-586109.
Ph.No.: 08352 277302, E-mail: **bjr.ksfc@karnataka.gov.in**

ಸಂ:ಕರಾಹಸಂ/ಶಾಕ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/2025–26/570 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24/11/2025

SALE OF SECURED ASSETS THROUGH E-PROCURMENT AUCTION

The following assets have taken over under Section-29 of SFC's Act 1951 and the same are available for sale on " as is where is condition basis " through e-auction.

Sl No.	Name of the Party / Unit	Description of the Properties available for sale	Reserve Price in Rs.	EMD amount in Rs.
1	**M/s. Balaji Fruit & Vegetable Processing Industries,** Parters: Sri. Basangouda Bapugouda Biradar and Late Shivashankar S. Asangi, Sy. No.- 1051/A3, Plot No.73/B, KIADB Industrial Area, Mahalabagayat, Vijayapur.	**Land and Building:** M/s. Balaji Fruit & Vegetable Processing Industries, Sy. No.- 1051/A3, Plot No.73/B, KIADB Industrial Area, Mahalabagayat, Vijayapur. Total Land & Building measuring 2144 SQM. = 23069 sft. Existing Factory buildings: 60' x 36' GI Sheets Roof Existing Labour shed: 10' x 25' Existing Factory buildings: 40' x 35' GI Sheets Roof Existing RCC buildings: 41' x 36' Existing Factory buildings: 41' x 64' GI Sheets Roof New Factory buildings: 10' x 41' GI Sheets Roof Boiler Shed: 21' x 22' GI Sheets **Schedule of the property:** East by: KIADB ROAD, West by: KIADB ROAD, North by: PLOT NO. 73/A, South by: PLOT NO. 73/C & 73/D. **Machineries:** (1) Fully Automatic Potato / Banana Process Line 300 Kg /Hr. (2) Nitrogen Generation Plant. (3) Packing Machine. (4) Thermic Fluid Boiler With Accessories. (5) Effluent Treatment Plant. (6) Computers Accessories.	Rs. 2,01,06,000/-	Rs. 20,10,600/-

1. **Inspection of property: Date: 02/12/2025 Time: 11.30 AM to 1-00 PM.**
2. **Last date for submission for EMD Date: 09/12/2025 before 4-00 PM.**
3. **E-procurement auction will be commenced on: Date: 10/12/2025 at 11-30 AM and will be closed on 22/12/2025 at 12-30 PM (Afternoon).**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

1. After completing the bidding process, the entire payment to be paid by the successful bidder as per the norms of the Corporation. After making payment of entire bid amount, the said property will be registered in favour of successful bidder subject to collecting E-swattu / E-khata from the City Corporation.
2. The terms and conditions of the sale through e-procurement auction are detailed in website viz., ***(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)*** Auction Notice Number: KSFC/2025-26/AUCTION233. The interested persons are advised to visit the aforesaid website. The Promoters / Guarantors are requested to bring the prospective buyers to participate in the above e-procurement auction.

Sd/- BRANCH MANAGER
KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
BRANCH OFFICE, VIJAYAPUR.

Date: 24-11-2025
Place: Vijayapur

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/Tr(Op)/South-Circle/EE(O)/AEE-2/25-26/3855-56 Date: 24.11.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal only)

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry no: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(Op)/ S-Circle/EE(O)/AEE-2/25-26/EPR-18/Call-1 Dtd:20.11.2025** for "**Replacement of age old, Pneumatic type 31.5kA, 66kV SF6 breakers by spring mechanism type 40/50kA breakers at 220/66/11kV station, Somanahalli in TL&SS Division, Somanahalli** pertains to Transmission (Op) Circle-South, Bengaluru on Total Turn Key Basis including supply of all matching materials/equipment's including 66kV Breakers and Conductors and erection (including civil works) of all materials/ equipment's, testing and commissioning".

The bids will be received through KPP mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **'E Procurement KPTCL' or to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 26.11.2025**.

Sd/-Superintending Engineer(Ele.), Tr(Operations) Circle-South, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560 009.

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned by Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal)

Enquiry No: BESCOM/GM(A&HR)/BC-50/2505/02/2025-26
Description: Tenders are invited from the reputed agencies for providing **Manpower Services to various offices of BESCOM** for a period of ONE year.
Date of Issue of Bid Documents: **26.11.2025 @ 16:00** Hrs.
Due Date for submission of Bid Document: **10.12.2025** upto **16:00** hrs.
Date of Opening of Bid Document: **11.12.2025** at **17:00** hrs.
The Tender documents can be obtained through e-procurement by visiting website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** All clarifications about e-payment contact e-procurement helpdesk.
For Tender related queries call: 080 22258788

For electricity related complaints Call: 1912
Download BESCOM Mithra Mobile APP

Sd/-
General Manager (A&HR)
Corporate Office, K.R.Circle.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
LABORATORY FOR ELECTRO OPTICS SYSTEMS(LEOS)
LEOS Construction & Maintenance Division (LCMD)
PEENYA, BANGALORE-560058
(Phone: 080-22685086, 5047, 5094, 28392310)

CORRIGENDUM - I

Sl.No	Description	Details
1	Name of work	Carrying out Non-Destructive Tests for Technical evaluation / Health assessment of the existing building at the old ISRAD campus, Peenya, Bangalore 58 for the construction of the proposed ADORE building in the campus.
2	E-Tender Notice No.	CMG/LEOS/2025-26/LMN-08 dtd:29.10.2025
3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 4.53Lakhs
4	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	Extended up to 16.30 hrs on 28/11/2025
5	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 03/12/2025
6	Due date and time of opening of tenders	After 15.00 hrs on 03/12/2025

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.**

Sd/-,
Group Director, C&MG

Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Maritime Board
[Erstwhile: Infrastructure Development Department, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department]
Third Floor, West Entrance, Khanija Bhavan,
Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560001

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Karnataka Maritime Board (KMB), hereby invites **"OPERATING BERTH AT MALPE PORT, KARNATAKA UNDER PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) MODEL ON RENOVATE, OPERATE, MAINTAIN AND TRANSFER (ROMT) BASIS"**

The RFP and other document can be downloaded from e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka **(https:// kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** from **24.11.2025** onwards. The last date for submission of bids is **23.12.2025 till 17:30 Hrs.** Any further changes pertaining to the RFP will be uploaded in e-procurement platform only.

Contact Details: Office of Chief Executive Officer, Karnataka Maritime Board, Aligadda, Baithkol, Karwar-581302

Phone: 08382-221494; & E-mail: piwtdev.wks@gmail.com/ ceokmb2019@gmail.com

Sd/- Port Engineer,
Karnataka Maritime Board, Karwar

DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/754/25-26 Dt: 24.11.2025

IN THE COURT OF XCI ADDL, CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AND SPECIAL COURT OF KPIDFE ACT 2004, AT BENGALURU (CCH-92)

MISC. No. 1194/2025

BETWEEN: The Special Officer & Competent Authority for IMA & Other KPID Cases Competent Authority For M/s. Samruddha Jeevan Multi Purpose Co-Operative society Ltd., Samruddha Jeevan Food India Limited and Prosperity Agro India Pvt Ltd and its group Entities, Office at 3rd Floor, Mini V.V. Tower, Podium Block, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru -560 001. Represented by its Competent Authority Sri. Amlan Aditya Biswas, Aged 56 years

.....PETITIONER

AND

M/s. Prosperity Agro India Pvt Ltd., And another

...RESPONDENT'S

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT No. 1 and 2

1. M/s Prosperity Agro India Pvt Ltd., Having its head office at No. 102, Stilt 1st Floor, Prosperity Heights, CTS, No. 6769 Mitra-Mandal, Chowk, Parvathi, Pune, Maharashtra-411009. Represented by its Director, Sri. Bahubali Aged about 50 Years.

2. Sri. Bahubali of parisa Halingle, Aged about 50 Years, Residing at Vishnupriya Complex, 2nd floor, Vivekanand Hospital Road, Hubli-580 029.

Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petition under section 5(2) of the KPIDFE Act 2004 and against the Respondents.

The Respondent No. 1 & 2 are hereby issued show cause notice U/s 12(1) of KPIDFE Act 2004 and notice on IA No. 1 under section 5 of the Limitation Act., to appear in court of the XCI Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge (CCH-92) at Bengaluru, in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to above petition on **18th December 2025 at 11.00 A.M.,** in the forenoon.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the date above mentioned petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this **17th November 2025.**

By order of the Court,
Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru
Sri Satish V., Special Public Prosecutor.

DIPR/CP/4016/Zen/2025-26

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
District Health and Family Welfare Office, Vaccine Depot, Near 2nd Railway Gate, Tilakwadi, Belagavi - 590 006, Ph.: 0831-2407241, 2482740, E-mail: dhobelgaum@gmail.com

No. : SL/E-TENDER/34/2025-26 **Date : 25-11-2025**

TENDER PUBLICATION

Bid in the E procurement Portal (Platform) is invited to **Supply For Pharmacist,, Lab Technician, DEO, Group-D and Sweeper Guard Staff for Maternal Child Hospital Chikkodi, Nippani, And Vantmuri Nagar 2025-26 Total Tender Approximate Value is Rs. : 9010686.12/- for One year,** The details of tender as mentioned below.

Details of Tender : Tender No : DHFWS/2025-26/IND, Group : Pharmacist, Lab Technician, DEO, Group-D and Sweeper Guard Staff, E.M.D. Amount : Rs. 180213.72/-, Commencement of Downloading of E-tender Forms from Website : http://kppp. karnataka.gov.in Date : 26-11-2025 to 22-12-2025, Last Date for Seeking Clarification and Purchasing Tender Form Date : 22-12-2025 upto 17.00, Last Date for Uploading of Tender in E-procurement Platform Date : 23-12-2025 upto 17.00, Date & Time for Opening of Tenders Date : 24-12-2025 at 3.00 at District Health And Family Welfare Office Belgavi,

Those registered for tender in E-Procurement portal should pay Tender processing Fee. E.M.D Amount, Processing Dates & other details available in Governement of Karnataka E-Procurement portal **Website : http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or you can Contact to Undersigned Officers in During Office hours.**

Sd/- District Health and F.W. Officer, Belagavi.

DIPR/Belagavi/1378/Manipal/2025-26

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAMA LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer
VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division, No.3 Arasikere
Ph: 08174233111 e-mail: eeypd3ask@gmail.com

Tender Notification No: EE/YP/VJNL/DIV-03/YGC/TN-07/2025-26/1271 Dated:25.11.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION No:07/2025-26/1271 Dtd:25.11.2025 (TWO TENDER DOCUMENT SYSTEM) (Only through E-procurement KPP Portal)

Tenders in electronic mode on "PERCENTAGE BASIS" are invited on behalf of Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigama Limited, Bangalore by the Executive Engineer, VJNL,Yettinahole Project Division No.3, Arasikere, Hassan District in Two tender document system.Details of works are as follows Sl. No.1)Name of work Indent No-438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444 & 445 Amount put to tender (Rs. In Lakhs) http:// kppp.karnataka.gov.in Category of Contractor KPWD Class-3 and Above Civil contractors only (In these works 02 works reserved for SC Category, 01 work reserved for ST Category and 01 work reserved for Category-2A Contractors) Details for submission of bids/EMD/ tender conditions/Pre-qualification criteria/ Pre bid details and other information related to above said work can be obtained through e-portal http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Intending bidder can access the tender document from Date:29.11.2025 through e-portal. The authority competent to accept the tenders shall have the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons and will not be bound to accept the lowest tender. Corrigendum/addendum will be published in the e-portal. Any further information required may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours. Executive Engineer, VJNL, YP Division, No.3, Arasikere. Ph: 08174-233111, e-mail: eeypd3ask@gmail.com

Sd/- Executive Engineer, VJNL, Y P Division, No.3 Arasikere

ವಾಸಾಸಂ:ಇ/ಹಿಸನಿ/ಹಾಸನ/790/ಕೆವಿಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26

THE FEDERAL BANK LIMITED
Regd. Office: Aluva, Kerala.

ZONAL OFFICE: 2nd Floor, Halcyon Complex, No.9, St. Marks Road, Bangalore-560 001.
e-mail: bgrr-cpc@federalbank.co.in Phone: 080-22074610/604/613/624/625

BGRR/PvtSale/Q3/2025-26 **NOTICE FOR PRIVATE SALE OF GOLD** 24/11/2025

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold Ornaments pledged in the following Gold Loan accounts, with the under mentioned Branches of the Bank, which are overdue for redemption and which have not been regularized so far in spite of repeated notices, will be put for Private sale, in the respective Branches on any date after 10-12-2025 as shown below:

Br. Bangalore/St. Marks Road: No. 9, Halcyon Complex, St. Marks Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560 001, Ph. No. 080-32994454 :- 11046100119817, 11046400014882,11046100119825,11046900054883,11046100120963,11046900054933,11046400013546,11046900054941.
Br. Bangalore/Gandhinagar: P B No. 9981, No. 24, 2nd Cross, Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560 009 :- 11896800002543.
Br. Bangalore/Indiranagar: 315/1, 100 Feet Road, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560 038, Ph No. 080-25212341 :- 15356900003327,15356400036173, 15356900004002,15355600004718,15356900003103,15356400061510,15355600004635,15356400062229,15356100091452,15356900002931,15356900004168, 15356900004101,15356900004416,15356900000612. **Br. Bangalore/Rajaji Nagar : No. 60/60, Raj Chambers, Dr. Rajkumar Road, 2nd Block, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore-560 010, Ph No. 080-23522007:-** 13346400272565,13346900022353,13346900016827,13346900022395,13346400272607, 13346900014806,13346900018351,13346900022403,13346400285435,13346900021256,13346900025703,13346900022411,13346400285740,13346400291920, 13346900014723,13346900024136,13346100676685,13346400290013,13346900014400,13346900024375,13346400196681,13346400290021,13346900015332, 13346800083216,13346400290831,13346900014459,13346900014582,13346100680737,13346400292167,13346400275741,13346900014590,13346400245686, 13346900015407,13346900015571,13346400290146,13346400286045,13346900016835,13346900014913,13346400290849,13346800084099,13346100689399, 13346900014947,13346900017064,13346800083307,13346400288348,13346900014970,13346800087761,13346900015118,13346900021157.
Br.Bangalore/K R Puram : Sri Ragh Tower, No. 390, Old Extension, 4th Main, Old Madras Road, K R Puram, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka- 560 036:- 15616400030181,15616100193362,15616400025405,15616400026890,15616100188156,15616400028326,15616400026718,15616100193511,15616100192604, 15616100192364,15616400021594,15616400021223,15616900007150,15616400029415,15616400030280,15616400026163,15616400029423,15616400030934, 15616400029399,15616400030090,15616900003738,15616400029407,15616400030124,15616900005477,15616400024168,15616100192752.
Br. Basaveshwaranagar: #33, 1st main road, 3rd Stage, 4th block, West of Chord Road, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079:- 24666400013629, 24666400013629,24666400013637,24665600000345,24666400011102,24666400011128,24666400011680,24666400014817,24666400011136,24666900001397, 24666900003005,24666400011441,24666900003195,24666400011557,24666400013694,24666400009882,24666400013686,24666900000837,24665600000543, 24665600000121,24666900000290,24666900001967,24666400010716,24666400013058,24666400011094,24665600000311,24666900003039,24666400016143, 24666400011110,24665600000329,24666400011078,24666400016150,24666900000076,24666400011508,24665600000360,24666400013025,24666400013132, 24666400011839,24666400012761,24666400011193,24666400012597,24666900002734,24666400012126,24666400012340,24666900001447,24666400012118, 24666400012332. **Br. Bangalore/Vignana Nagar: chikkNo. 124, S R Plaza, Vignana Nagara, Main Road, Bangalore- 560 037 Ph: 080-25348901 :-** 16296400075384,16296900003928,16296900003902,16296900003910,16296900001237,16296900007689,16296900004207, 16296900009529,16296900001229,16296900006186,16296900006178,16296900005915,16296900001211,16296400075194,16296900001898,16296900006046, 16296900006723,16296900007291,16296900000916,16296400076028,16296100194824,16296400052656,16296900006160,16296900007317.
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Labour reform needs a consensus code

The rollout of the four labour codes by the Union government marks an important turn in India's labour landscape and will have significant economic implications. Described by the government as "historic", the codes deal with wages, industrial relations, occupational safety, and social security. They subsume 29 laws, some of which date back to colonial times, and reduce 1,228 sections to 480, 1,436 rules to 351, four licences to one, and 85 registers to eight, apart from decriminalising 65 sections. These changes are long overdue – some of the earlier laws were restrictive and criticised for not responding to new realities of the labour and capital markets. In what is seen as the most comprehensive labour reforms in independent India, the codes are aimed at simplifying the existing framework, introducing formalisation in the employment of workers, and bringing in greater flexibility for the employers.

The new codes widen the social security net to gig and unorganised workers, remove unfair restrictions on women, and enable portability of benefits to inter-state workers. They mandate payment of timely minimum wages, appointment letters for new employees, equal pay for women, gratuity for fixed-term workers after nine years, free annual health check-ups for workers aged 40 years and above, and double wages for overtime work. Together, they mark a move towards formalisation and transparency. While recognition of gig and platform workers within the social security ambit is a major structural change, equality in employment conditions may increase women's participation in the workforce, which remains low.

The overhaul was needed, but workers' concerns over pro-employer provisions must be addressed

Labour unions and some of the Opposition parties have criticised the codes for their "anti-labour" provisions. One major point of contention is the raising of the threshold for government approval for layoffs and closures, from 100 to 300 workers. While the industry has welcomed it, unions have said it will weaken job security. There is criticism that the changes dilute the labourers' collective bargaining power and tilt the balance in favour of the employer. Implementation will also depend on the states, and adoption could be uneven. Some states already have legislation relevant to areas covered by the codes. It may be noted that the codes were framed without detailed consultations with the unions or parties. Parliament passed three of them during Covid; the discussions were perfunctory. Now that the codes have been notified, the government should hold discussions with all stakeholders before finalising the implementation roadmap. That will present an opportunity to address some of the concerns, taking the codes closer to their intended objective of efficiency and workforce security.

Children at risk: State must step up

The Child Rights Index in Karnataka 2023, released by the Institute for Social and Economic Change and the Karnataka State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights, offers a sobering assessment of how well the state safeguards its youngest citizens. The findings reveal significant progress in some districts but alarming gaps in others, revealing that child welfare remains unevenly distributed. Karnataka ranks 10th among 30 states, indicating a moderate performance. Districts such as Udupi, Mandya, Dakshina Kannada, Kodagu, and Bengaluru Rural lead the rankings, supported by stronger outcomes in education, health, and nutrition. In contrast, Kolar, Yadgir, Raichur, Ballari, and Dharwad continue to struggle across key indicators. In several Kalyana Karnataka districts, more than 70% of children are anaemic, pointing to chronic underinvestment in nutrition and persistent social deprivation that entrenches intergenerational poverty.

The most disturbing revelation concerns Bengaluru (Urban), which ranks among the worst districts in Right to Protection and is identified as the most unsafe for children. Crime against children is seven to eight times higher than elsewhere, as indicated in the POCSO and trafficking cases, and the vulnerabilities of migrant and homeless children. Rapid urbanisation, population density, and weak enforcement have created an environment where children face heightened exposure to harm. The findings carry lessons that require urgent attention. Child protection cannot be addressed in isolation. Exploitation and crime are deeply linked to poor schooling outcomes, poverty, and gender inequality. Backward regions need focused investments in nutrition, maternal care, and early childhood services, while urban centres require a tailored protection strategy that responds to specific risks.

Gaps in the approach to children's welfare and safety call for targeted intervention

A stronger government response must begin with expanding child-friendly policing, strengthening the 1098 helpline, and deploying specialised protection units in high-crime districts. Bengaluru requires targeted programmes for migrant and street children. Simultaneously, the Kalyana Karnataka region needs enhanced allocations to strengthen Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS). Education and protection must work together through stricter enforcement of child labour and child marriage laws, ensuring rescued children return to school and tracking out-of-school children in low-performing districts. The revised Karnataka State Child Protection Policy (2023) provides a sound framework, but its impact will depend on implementation. A state's progress is measured not by economic indicators but by the everyday safety and dignity it guarantees its children. Karnataka now has the data and tools; what it needs is the political resolve to act.

THE NORMALCY FACADE

A deadly mutation into white collar terrorism

Terror's makeover is a new expression of alienation, exposing the limits of force without political outreach

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Car-borne explosions near the Red Fort in Delhi triggered two terms that were used interchangeably, but are not interchangeable – 'urban terror' and 'white collar terror'. The former is a geographical construct (the site of the attack being in an urban cluster) and the latter, a psychographic/demographic attribution (conducted by people of a certain professional type; in this case, doctors). However, while the 2008 Mumbai attack of 26/11 was an act of 'urban terror', it wasn't 'white collar'.

Arguably, 9/11 in the United States entailed both the urban and white-collar elements – the attack targeted buildings in New York and other major urban centres, and the perpetrators had professional degrees. It wasn't the doings of the stereotypically uneducated, poverty-stricken, or unexposed youth. On the contrary, it was composed of those who were well-versed and immersed in the so-called progress of the first world, with all the comforts, efficiencies, and progress that it offered. For the first time, it signified that the terrorists didn't have to come from marginalised or deprived classes, and that modern education and exposure to the outside world were not enough to stop societal radicalisation. This lent a dangerous mutative possibility to the simplistic terror hypothesis that terrorism was the exclusive preserve of the gullible, uneducated, and deprived sections of society. When the so-called white collar professionals started taking to the gun, the portents got infinitely deadlier.

Long-term fear emanating from the Delhi attack is twofold. First, the situation in the Kashmir Valley is far from resolved – the societal estrangement amongst Kashmiris remains – and second, the strain of terror has now metastasised into the educated classes in urban areas. The suicide bomber on the wheels in Delhi was one Dr Umar Un Nabi from Pulwama, who worked at Al-Falah University. The sheer quantum of explosives cache, i.e., 2,900 kg of ammonium nitrate and other chemicals, TATP, detonators, AK-47 rifles, and supposed plans for a Hamas-inspired drone attack, all point to a sophisticated network, planning, and advanced technological expertise. Clearly, it wasn't a "lone-wolf" attack, but backed by an elaborate cross-border set-up.

This is a serious wake-up call from the rhetoric of "normalcy has returned to the Kashmir Valley". Still, there are takers for Pakistan's nefarious agenda as the local disaffection with Delhi continues. Attempts to address the societal polarisation between the Kashmir Valley and the rest of the country have not been adequate. While the strong and effective security apparatus in the Kashmir Valley has contained incidents of stone-pelting, protests, or even public postulating of hate speeches, the subliminal emotions remain unhealed and, perhaps, unspoken.

Clearly, until concerted political outreach, inclusion and the eventual healing provided by the likes of the Punjab Peace Accord or the Mizo Peace Accord, which eventually triumphed over the local sense of alienation and discrimination, the Valley will remain susceptible to cross-border machinations. Relying solely on militaristic boots-on-ground has limited utility, as history is instructive (from India, Ireland to Israel) that unless the hearts and minds are won over, insurgency never ends.

The elusive reconciliation

The regression to urban and white collar terrorism is fraught with risks of attacks on symbolically high-visibility targets (the Delhi attackers were supposedly working on more daring operations). A potential terror strike in Delhi or Mumbai has huge psychological ramifications for the nation as it wounds national stability and disrupts critical infrastructure like metros, airports, and power grids. The much-sought-after internationalisation of the insurgent cause is also easily achieved with the resultant public shock, economic loss, and mass casualties.

Credible theories of a panic-induced/premature detonation or even an accidental blast due to a faulty contraption point to a more sinister plan and objectives. Nonetheless, as reports around an expansive terror network entailing white collar professionals and their infrastructure emerge, concerns over the failure of intelligence agencies have resurfaced. It is a matter of grave concern that a mass-scale operation with such interconnections was on course in the New Delhi Capital Region (NDCR).

The muscular posturing about the "successful end of terrorism in Kashmir" has been publicly postured for far too long. This narrative loses steam in the face of attacks in Pulwama and Delhi. The experienced Pakistan-hand and the serving National Security Advisor (NSA), Ajit Doval, had once presciently observed, "Terrorism thrives where there is alienation, radicalisation, and the absence of effective governance. You have to win the hearts and minds of the people to defeat it."

This is not to say that one needs to lower security imperatives in the Kashmir Valley, but instead to add the vital components of political-administrative outreach and accommodations. The dangerous regression to white collar terrorism is not a sign of security failure in the Kashmir Valley, but of the failure to co-opt our own (however misguided by forces across the Line of Control) by insisting that only the security forces can singularly resolve the insurgent sentiment. While the forces have heroically taken up the gauntlet, the political class (both national and regional) has failed to show the required spine, humility, and grace in accepting its failures, allowing this horrific mutation to white collar terrorism.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Eat, pray, surrender

As the art of 'upachara' goes, a big hand in serving reflects a big heart

SHYAMALA RAO

Festival season seems to bring out aggressive hospitality, with hosts insisting on force-feeding guests. It reminded me of the soft tyranny of everyday *upachara* that mothers of an earlier generation had perfected into an art form.

My mother firmly believed that if you could comfortably eat two *dosas*, you could be coaxed into a third. The fourth would be slipped onto your plate after you were tricked into looking away for a moment.

Now, you'd think the fifth one would be impossible to sneak past your wary eyes. But the moms fell back on a *mantra* they taught you early in life: No wasting food. So, a midsize mountain of *chutney* would first land on your plate in an "accidental" avalanche, and then you'd have to make way for a "small" *dosa* to mop up the *chutney*. Any protest about portion control was brushed aside because, in their eyes, you were always too thin.

Guests, too, were often the victims of this kind of ambush. Sometimes, of course, a visitor's disinclination was due not to a lack of appetite but to previous experience of tasting the host's culinary experiments. These guests came armed with a steely will and a stern no, and the host was forced to yield, having met their match.

My mother, though generally an excellent cook, was not particularly known for her coffee. To make matters worse, she usually brought out full cups of coffee as opposed to the thimble-sized "second-dose" servings offered in many houses. Not one to acknowledge that her coffee was far from stellar, she was always surprised by the resolute refusals. Her lamentations of "oh, you never had coffee!" were met with a variety of well-prepared excuses, and it was comical to see her look on helplessly as yet another guest managed to get away without taking a sip of coffee.

My generation, having been at the receiving end of this enthusiastic *upachara*, is of course kinder. We usually take people at their word and stop when they say they've had enough. For an earlier generation, though, a "big hand" in serving was proof of a big heart, and holding back could be equivalent to holding back affection. So, when you're feeding someone older, and you really stop after the second chapati because they asked you to, you might catch a faintly crestfallen expression that signals you missed the point.

Even if you're not a practitioner of the forceful kind of hospitality, it does feel good when the right kind of guest arrives—the one who won't mind a bit of loving fuss. You find yourself remembering all your mother's little wiles and slip into her ways effortlessly. And before you realise it, you hear the words forming and that familiar tone of cajolery: "Have a small one now... you can always delay your dinner."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Transnational environment threats: Is India prepared?

The entry of volcanic ash from Ethiopia into Indian airspace has exposed once again how unprepared our systems remain for transnational environmental threats. Authorities responded by cancelling flights, but can reactive measures ever replace long-term planning? If every crisis catches us off guard, what confidence can citizens place in our institutions? And when will we finally shift from crisis management to genuine prevention? India urgently needs stronger early-warning infrastructure, integrated climate surveillance, and public-health preparedness.
Hasnain Rabbani, Mumbai

Who is to blame?

Apropos 'Traffic violations by delivery agents soar in B'luru' (*DH*, Nov 24), prima facie, the delivery agents alone can be blamed for the traffic violations. However, one should keep in midn that they are at the mercy of aggregators who commit to and insist on unreasonably quick deliveries. They must follow the dictats of aggregators for their livelihood.
In pursuit of customer satisfaction, aggregators have no option but to insist that delivery agents deliver goods within the prescribed time limit. To address the traffic violations and safety of the delivery agents, it would be prudent to hold a tripartite meeting among aggregators, delivery agents, and the police.
H V K Bhatta, Bengaluru

Period leave is fine, but...

Apropos 'Normalising periods at work' (Nov 25), I would like to thank the government for approving this policy. However, because of the culture, traditions or social conditioning, some women may not be comfortable sharing their period details at the workplace. Hope the sensitive nature of this will be taken into consideration before developing implementation guidelines for workplaces.
Pearl Preticia A S, Bengaluru

Youth under siege

The seizure of 328 kg of methamphetamine worth Rs 262 crore in Delhi is a chilling reminder that the drug menace is not a distant threat but a growing shadow over our youth. Law agencies may celebrate this success, yet such a massive haul hints at an even larger network operating beneath the surface. We cannot afford to fight drugs only at the point of arrest; prevention, rehabilitation, and education must become key pillars. Schools and communities need awareness drives, not silence. A society that loses its young to addiction loses its future. After this headline fades, will we take sustained action, or wait for the next shock?
Hasnain, Patna

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SPEAK OUT

BJP cannot fight and defeat me politically... If BJP tries to strike me in Bengal, I will shake its foundation across India
Mamata Banerjee, West Bengal CM

The sense that my world is stable and stationary, that change will never come ... is the nature of all delusion.
Brenda Shoshanna

TO BE PRECISE

BLOs booked, suspended for negligence of work

IN PERSPECTIVE

COP30: Climate justice, deferred

Familiar rift derails hope for heightened climate action, showing how the most affected are also the least heard

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Ten years after the Paris Agreement, and a year after the magnificent mess in Baku, the United Nations's annual climate jamboree of unkept promises convened for its 30th edition in Belém, situated on the ancestral land of the Tupinambá and Pacajás peoples, on the banks of the Amazon River at the edge of a forest soon to be scarred by unprecedented drilling for oil and gas, and the relentless expansion of agribusiness.

Billed as the 'COP of Implementation', COP30 descended swiftly from optimism into chaos. Despite the presidency's frantic 'shuttle diplomacy' to secure an ambitious outcome anchored in Mutirão, the spirit of collective effort and solidarity, the talks unravelled by the second week, and ended two days later than scheduled, with high drama and dangerously low ambition.

The stage was set for success, with seasoned diplomat Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago as COP president and veteran NGO activist Ana Toni as CEO. Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva's opening speech, calling for a "COP of Truth," raised expectations. For a 'COP of Implementation', the main items on the agenda were naturally provisions to finance mitigation, adaptation, and loss and damage. The centrepiece was the $300-billion climate finance goal called the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG). Alongside it were the lingering fossil fuel phase-down/phase-out plans from Dubai, pending collection of adaptation finance from Glasgow, and agreeing on indicators for the global goal on adaptation (GGA).

Civil society was calling for a just transition mechanism and pathways to accelerate climate action with equity and justice. Hovering over it all was the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C ambition, which was temporarily breached this year.

With the United States notably absent from the negotiating rooms and, thus, unable to stall progress with its characteristic bluff and bluster, the world looked for a new climate champion to share the spotlight with Lula. Despite a buzz of hopeful Indian commentary, Prime Minister Narendra Modi skipped the high-level segment entirely. Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav arrived only in the second week, empty-handed, without the long-awaited announcement of India's new Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Ostensibly, because the promised billions remain as elusive as ever for communities already living with the brutal reality of climate change. In the chants by scores of protesting indigenous peoples, you heard a consistent truth—one that India and other developing nations keep repeating. The money rarely arrives as real support; instead, it comes as high-cost loans and commercial deals inaccessible to local communities, even as climate change-induced disasters hit them relentlessly. "We need grants, we need fairness, and we need honesty in climate finance," India declared on behalf of the Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDCs).

Commitment without follow-through

Meanwhile, in a final bid, a group of around 80 countries led by Colombia, the European Union, and the United Kingdom, tried to whip up support for a roadmap to transition away from fossil fuels (TAFF). The idea promptly hit a brick wall called the Arab Group, along with Russia, Bolivia, and a few African nations, provoking a dangerous schism. For most emerging economies, such as India, without serious financial commitments from the developed world, all the lofty talk of a fossil fuel phase-out and bending the temperature curve seemed as futile as promising to fix the climate by the strike of the closing gavel.

The final text did not have any reference to fossil fuel phase-out, was weak on any climate finance commitments, and was riddled with poorly revised, unmeasurable GGA indicators. But Belém was not Baku. When Do Lago tried to gavel the package through with his political blinkers firmly on, delegates refused to play extras in a scripted finale. Countries took the floor to record their rejection of the adaptation indicators, their discomfort with a hollowed-out mitigation programme, and their anger at a decision-making process that treated them as an audience, not as involved parties. The rebellion forced the presidency to suspend the plenary.

When it reconvened, the script had changed only slightly, but the cast around Do Lago had grown: Russia, India, the LMDCs, and others lined up to back the text in the name of saving a bruised but still breathing multilateral process.

COP30 limped out of Belém with more questions than answers, especially on how to fix a system where the most affected people get the least say and the least support. Ten years after Paris, Belém did not kill the promise of climate justice. It simply showed, once again, who is still paying in advance and who is still paying lip service.

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Constitution at 76: The crisis of democratic governance

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In 1952, in the Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyer Endowment lectures at the University of Madras, Sir Ivor Jennings argued that the Indian Constitution was "far too large and therefore far too rigid". He pointed out that it sought to "establish democratic institutions, not to express democratic ideas as legal principles." More than seven decades later, that distinction still shapes India's democratic experience.

Though often described as flexible — a view supported by Ginsburg, Elkins and Melton's 2007 study, which found that written constitutions survive an average of just 17 years — India's institutional performance tells a more complicated story. A closer look at the legislature, executive and judiciary reveals how the gap between constitutional design and everyday democratic practice has widened.

■ **Shrinking space for debate in lawmaking:** The decline in parliamentary sittings is now a familiar headline. In the 1950s and 60s, Parliament met for 125–130 days a year. Today, the figure hovers between 60 and 75, with 2024 marking a new low at under 50 days. This prompted MPs Manoj Kumar Jha (2022) and Derek O'Brien (2025) to introduce bills mandating minimum sittings of 120 and 100 days. Their argument was simple: a shrinking calendar means poorer scrutiny, weaker debate and hurried legislation — all of which undermine Parliament's role as a forum of accountability.

The monsoon session, held from July 21 to August 21 this year, underlined the trend. Productivity was only 31% in the Lok Sabha and 39% in the Rajya Sabha. Of the allotted 120 hours, barely a third was used for discussion. State legislatures are showing a similar pattern. PRS Legislative Research reports that assemblies met an average of just 20 days in 2024, down from 22 in 2023. The outcome is predictable: legislatures increasingly look like rubber stamps.

■ **The executive: Mostly a paper tiger:** The executive — both political and bureaucratic — is tasked with turning laws into results. India's civil services are among the world's oldest and most structured, yet their performance at the ground level remains stubbornly uneven. Transparency International ranks India 96 out of 180 in its Corruption Perception Index, while Political and Economic Risk Consultancy ranked India second-worst in Asia for perceived corruption in 2024, just above Vietnam.

India climbed from 142 to 63 in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business rankings between 2014 and 2019. But the sub-indicators painted a less flattering picture: India ranked 136th in starting a business and 163rd in enforcing contracts.

Retired bureaucrat N C Saxena has argued that political interference in the IAS expanded in the last three decades, aided by "redundant posts and defunct legislatures". Many civil servants work with outdated skill sets; domain specialisation remains patchy. The result is an administrative machinery that is hierarchical, risk-averse, and stretched thin, especially in areas such as public health, local governance, and contract enforcement.

The deeper problem, though, is the uneasy relationship between political leaders and civil servants. When transfers are arbitrary and rewards uncertain, bureaucrats become cautious rather than creative. This politicisation blunts accountability and delays service delivery, widening the gap between policy promises and citizen experience.

■ **Judiciary: an eroding counterweight:** India's higher judiciary has long enjoyed a reputation for independence. Through innovations like the basic structure doctrine and the collegium system, the Supreme Court positioned itself as a counter-majoritarian force. Yet this moral authority has dimmed over the last decade, as conflicts with the executive have grown sharper and delays have multiplied.

Much of this tension is tied to centre–state relations. The Supreme Court's opinion in the 2025 Presidential Reference is a stark example. It struck down the idea of "deemed assent" — introduced by a division bench in the Tamil Nadu Governor case — arguing that fixed timelines for gubernatorial or presidential assent violated the separation of powers, a basic feature of the Constitution.

Legally, the Court's reasoning may be defensible. But politically, it leaves troubling implications. By upholding open-ended discretion for Governors and the President, the judgment risks enabling partisan obstruction — particularly in opposition-ruled states.

At a moment when judicial pendency is at a historic high and questions of transparency in the collegium persist, the judiciary's own credibility is under strain.

Citizen's resurrection

After 75 years, Jennings' warning rings true in a different way: while India's Constitution has proved remarkably durable, the institutions it created have not kept pace with its democratic ambitions. Parliament sits less and debates less. The bureaucracy struggles to modernise. The judiciary's interpretative muscle often fails to translate into democratic deepening.

Meanwhile, identity politics — of caste, class, religion and gender — continues to shape public life, often narrowing the scope for institutional reform. The danger is not the collapse of democracy but its hollowing out: a system where elections are regular but governance is erratic, and where constitutional offices operate without constitutional spirit.

In such an environment, the role of citizens becomes decisive. Public pressure, civic participation and an insistence on constitutional morality may be the only forces capable of nudging the state back toward accountability.

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Hydro-nuclear experiments, barred globally since the 1990s, may lie behind President Trump's call last month for the United States to resume its testing of nuclear bombs

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A vessel for containing a subcritical nuclear test is being wheeled into a tunnel complex about 1,000 feet below the surface in Nevada. NYT/LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

The forgotten nuke tests that Trump might revive

President Donald Trump's surprise announcement last month that the United States would resume its testing of nuclear arms produced a blur of condemnations and contradictory statements. Lost in the uproar, some nuclear experts say, is a forgotten type of atomic testing. It produces no mushroom clouds and poses little radioactive risk to the public. But it can reframe the recent debate.

The tiny explosions are known to nuclear weaponeers as hydronuclear tests. They appear to lie behind the Trump administration's claims that Moscow and Beijing have violated the global treaty that bars nuclear tests, and led to Trump's statement that Washington should respond "on an equal basis."

Neither the federal Department of Energy nor its subordinate unit, the National Nuclear Security Administration, replied to questions on whether the low-level tests relate to Trump's recent declarations.

Advocates of the blasts say they can provide valuable data for helping ensure the reliability of existing weapons. But many proponents of arms control warn that the small tests would break the three-decade taboo on the explosive testing of nuclear warheads and would reignite a global arms race.

What happens during a hydronuclear test?

In a hydronuclear test, conventional explosives start a nuclear chain reaction in a very small amount of plutonium. The tiny explosion is bottled up in a container behind superstrong steel walls.

The force of the blast equals that of a few pounds of conventional explosives — not the kilotons and megatons of the Cold War. It's the lowest possible rung on the explosive ladder.

The tests are known as hydronuclear, after the Greek word for water. The name derives from the way conventional explosives at the start of a test squeeze atomic fuel so violently that it behaves like a fluid. All atomic bombs go through this stage. It's the moment a lump of dense metal turns into a supercritical mass.

To cut the reaction short, hydronuclear tests use an amount of atomic fuel "far below" that is needed for a nuclear detonation, Robert N. Thorn and Donald R. Westervelt wrote in a 1987 report from the Los Alamos nuclear lab in New Mexico, the birthplace of the atomic bomb.

How do hydronuclear tests differ from other kinds?

All nuclear bomb tests, regardless of size, have in common some type of criticality, the state in which atoms split apart in stable runs of chain reactions, as in nuclear reactors.

On the one hand, there are subcritical tests, in which the nuclear fuel's chain reactions quickly die out, producing no explosion. Experts from Los Alamos routinely conduct subcritical tests at an underground test site in Nevada as part of the United States' ongoing evaluations of its nuclear stockpile.

These tests are permitted under the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, which the United States signed in 1996 but has never ratified.

Supercritical tests mark the other extreme. Their chain reactions increase so rapidly in number that they produce nuclear detonations, as happened over Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan, then thousands of times at test sites during the Cold War.

Scientists think of hydronuclear tests as a forgotten middle child — reaching the supercritical stage, but snuffed out quickly before they can progress to giant detonations.

Are hydronuclear tests happening now?

President Bill Clinton prohibited the method in the 1990s during nuclear test ban negotiations. The tiny blasts were seen as producing some "yield," or explosive force, and Clinton's stance was that the treaty should hew to the principle of "zero-yield."

Although the 1996 global test ban ruled out hydronuclear methods, suspicions of their covert use have grown in recent years.

In 2019, Lt. Gen. Robert P. Ashley Jr., the director of the Pentagon's intelligence arm, said Russia "is probably not adhering to the nuclear testing moratorium in a manner consistent with the zero-yield standard."

Recently, the charges grew louder and gained political traction. Trump said he ordered a restart of American testing because "other countries" were doing so.

John Ratcliffe, the CIA director, posted on social media that Trump "was right." He pointed to Ashley's 2019 statement and a 2020 article on possible secret Chinese tests.

Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., who leads the Senate Intelligence Committee, went further. In a social media post, he said the CIA told him that Russia and China had conducted "supercritical nuclear weapons tests" that violated the zero-yield standard. "These tests are not historic," Cotton emphasised.

His statement contained a likely imprecision, as Jeffrey Lewis, a nuclear expert at the James Martin Centre for Nonproliferation Studies in California, pointed out on social media.

What Cotton probably meant, Lewis argued, was the forgotten class of "slightly supercritical" tests. In an interview, he said a number of officials had, in recent misstatements, misstated the nature of hydronuclear testing, suggesting an unfamiliarity with basic types of nuclear testing.

What makes hydronuclear tests useful?

Some nuclear experts see hydronuclear testing as helping probe a potential vulnerability of America's nuclear arsenal, which is primarily made up of hydrogen bombs. They are far more potent than the atomic bomb that levelled Hiroshima. The core of a hydrogen bomb contains a small nuclear weapon made of plutonium that serves as a match to ignite the hydrogen fuel.

Washington has long worried that the ageing of these matches could result in failure. The oldest are said to be pushing 50 years. Hydronuclear backers such as Robert Chrien, a retired scientist from the Los Alamos lab, argue that low-level tests could improve assessments of whether ageing might damage or disable weapons.

"Minor modifications," he said, could turn a subcritical type of Los Alamos experiment that stops short of being hydronuclear into "a valuable nuclear test."

Jill Hruby, a former administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration, which runs Los Alamos and the nation's other nuclear labs, downplayed the hydronuclear rationale. Today, Hruby said, the low-level tests could provide some information "that's hard to learn." But she argued that other tools could achieve the same ends.

The nation's complex for arms maintenance and evaluation includes hundreds of devices and thousands of workers. The costly tools include room-size supercomputers, the world's most powerful X-ray machine and a laser system the size of a sports stadium. No other nation has such an extensive array of equipment for the nonnuclear testing of nuclear arms.

Daryl G. Kimball, executive director of the Arms Control Association in Washington, said the risks of any restart of American nuclear testing, including the hydronuclear type, far outweighed any possible benefits.

Such explosions, he argued, "would set off a dangerous chain reaction" of tests by other countries that could severely damage "U.S. and international security."

The New York Times

The visionary who championed equality

G KUMAR NAIK

The 76th Constitution Day is an ideal occasion to remember one of Karnataka's greatest champions of social justice, L G Havanur. His life and work represent the living spirit of our Constitution, a relentless pursuit of equality, dignity, and opportunity for all. For those of us who are trying to walk the same path he did, his journey is not just a story of policy reform but also of collective aspiration, resilience, and courage. Havanur not only changed the course of Karnataka's social history but also showed how the ideals enshrined in the Constitution could be translated into concrete public policy.

In the years following Independence, India faced a fundamental challenge: how to define and address backwardness in a deeply stratified society. Havanur provided clarity and courage in this debate. When Chief Minister Devaraj Urs appointed him as Chairman of the Karnataka Backward Classes Commission in 1972, he undertook a scientific and data-driven study that had never been attempted before. His survey covered 3.55 lakh individuals across 378 villages and towns, examining the lives of 171 castes and communities.

The result was the landmark Havanur Report, submitted 50 years ago, on November 19, 1975. It became a turning point not only for Karnataka but also for India. For the first time, social justice policy was backed by data and grounded in lived experience.

Havanur's distinction between caste as identity and caste as a marker of disadvantage remains one of the most important contributions to India's understanding of inequality. His recommendations formed the bedrock for future affirmative action policies and influenced the Mandal Commission at the national level.

Shri Havanur's work was not easy. He faced stiff opposition from powerful sections within the bureaucracy and society, and his family endured threats. Yet, he stood firm, driven by conviction, not convenience. His courage reminds us that reforms in India have always demanded not only intellect but moral strength.

As Karnataka's Minister for Law, Social Welfare, Backward Classes, and Minorities in 1978–79, Havanur translated vision into institution-building. Having personally experienced discrimination as a student, he made it his mission to create safe spaces for marginalised youth. Under his leadership, nearly 2,000 hostels were established across the state, ensuring that access to education was not limited by social background. His policies on rural employment, housing, sanitation, and healthcare reflected a holistic vision of empowerment, one that remains relevant even today.

Havanur's brilliance was recognised internationally. He was invited to global institutions, including Lawry's Committee in Washington, and later contributed to the drafting of South Africa's post-apartheid constitution for the African National Congress. His legacy thus transcended Karnataka, making him a global voice for equality and justice.

As we observe the centenary of his birth this year, his message continues to resonate with even greater urgency. Havanur believed that those who benefited from affirmative action carried a moral duty to support others with a "pay it forward" philosophy that embodied collective progress and long-term social transformation. In today's times, when public debate often turns to symbols and identity rather than substance, it is important to return to Havanur's emphasis on unity, dignity, and shared growth. The future of the AHINDA communities depends not on fragmentation, but on solidarity and sustained effort toward equality rooted in empathy.

Karnataka's inclusive development story owes much to the path L G Havanur charted. On this Constitution Day, his life reminds us that social justice is not a gift — it is the result of struggle, study, sacrifice and unwavering faith in democracy. As we celebrate the Constitution that guarantees equality to all citizens, let us also remember those who gave it life through action, who ensured that rights translated into opportunities for the most marginalised, and who showed the courage to walk alongside him in times of resistance.

Carrying forward his legacy means recommitting ourselves to the ideals of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity, not just in words, but in governance and in everyday life. It means standing up for fairness even when it is inconvenient, widening the circle of opportunity, and ensuring that every young person can dream. That is the proper tribute to L G Havanur and to the Constitution he so deeply believed in.

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OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: NOVEMBER 1975

Highway cess under study

Bombay, Nov 25
Union Minister of Shipping and Transport Uma Shankar Dikshit said today the Government had examined in depth a proposal to raise resources for national highways and bridges through a viable highway cess and reasonable tolls on big bridges. Mr. Dikshit who was speaking at the annual meeting of the Indian Roads and Transport Development Association, said these measures in pursuit of an earlier indication by the Prime Minister herself were being evaluated against the impact which they are apprehended to create on the free and unrestricted flow of traffic.

25 YEARS AGO: NOVEMBER 2000

Rent Bill passed in assembly

Bangalore, Nov 25
The Legislative Assembly today unanimously passed the Karnataka Rent Bill, 1999 which seeks to strike a balance between the interests of the landlords and tenants. The bill piloted by Revenue Minister H C Srikantaiah makes tenancy inheritable to a limited extent. In the event of the death of a tenant, the right of tenancy would devolve for a period of five years (instead of the proposed ten years) from the date of the death to the tenant's successors in the following order- spouse, son or daughter or both, parents, daughter-in-law.

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The essence of nationhood

India is strong when each citizen thoughtfully aligns conscience with the Constitution, which was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 26 November 1949 to 'constitute' the Republic two months later. The date is commemorated annually as Constitution Day.

The Preamble to the Constitution can be lived sincerely with Bible verses that reinforce its key words: We, the people of India, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a:

■ **Sovereign:** And God made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place (Acts 17:26).

■ **Socialist:** I will be against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, or oppress the widow and the orphan, or thrust aside the migrant, says the Lord (Malachi 3:5)

■ **Secular Democratic Republic:** For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god' (Paul in Acts 17:23). At the core of both secularism and democracy is the idea that different viewpoints will always exist. We maintain unity by seeking dialogue rather than dominance, and by affectionately acknowledging that others may see things we may not.

And to secure for all its citizens justice, social, economic and political: You are hypocrites, you religious leaders! For you hold on to money and ceremony, and have neglected the more important matters of the law: justice and mercy (Matthew 23:23).

Liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord (Isaiah 1:18). That is, God Himself gives liberty to seek, and to speak sincerely from, a clear conscience.

Equality of status and of opportunity: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in God's scheme (Galatians 3:28). In other words, even a perception of level difference based on ethnicity, religion, occupation or gender is sinful.

And to promote among them all Fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation: Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind (1 Peter 3:8).

This is the essence of nationhood!

Zubeen's death 'plain and simple murder': Sarma

GUWAHATI, DHNS: "It was a plain and simple murder case," Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma told the state Assembly on Tuesday during an "unprecedented" adjournment motion moved by the Opposition over singer Zubeen Garg's death.

Zubeen Garg

Sarma said the investigation so far has revealed that one of the accused killed the cultural icon, while four others assisted in the crime.

"By the third day after the incident, it was clear that this was not a case of culpable homicide. It was a plain and simple murder case. So, we urged the court to add Section 103 of the BNS to the charges," Sarma said.

Initially, his death was suspected to be a mishap, but police later added murder charges after Zubeen's bandmate Sekhar Jyoti Goswami alleged that the singer had been poisoned by his manager Siddharth Sharma and Shyamkanu Mahanta, the organiser of the Northeast India Festival in Singapore.

Speaking about the motive behind the alleged murder, the CM said evidence suggested financial reasons.

Modi: Op Sindoor showed new India will not bow before terror

KURUKSHETRA, PTI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said Operation Sindoor showed the world that while India desires peace, it never compromises on its security or bows before terrorism.

Addressing an event here to commemorate the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur, Modi said the Sikh guru taught that one should neither frighten anyone nor live in fear.

At the event, Modi, who reached here after hoisting the saffron 'Dharma Dhwaj' atop the Ram temple in Ayodhya, also released a special coin and a commemorative stamp marking the 350th martyrdom anniversary of the ninth Sikh guru.

The PM said Guru Sahib's life was an example of 'Sarbat Da Bhala' (welfare of all).

He taught that "jo nar dukh mein dukh nahin mane, so hi puran gyani", which means that one who remains steadfast in adverse conditions is truly knowledgeable, Modi said.

Revisiting Nellie: Two reports on 1983 Assam massacre made public

Contradictory findings on violence from Tewari, Mehta commissions

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GUWAHATI, DHNS

DARK CHAPTER

- Tewari Commission set up by Cong in July 1983 to probe Assam violence, including Nellie
- Mehta Commission formed by agitators/freedom fighters
- Massacres occurred during the Assam Movement or anti-foreigners movement (1979-85)
- Assam Accord (1985) promised detection and deportation of post-1971 migrants to Bangladesh
- The foreigner issue still takes centre stage before polls

Was the "imposition" of the Assembly elections in Assam in 1983, amid the anti-foreigners movement, the sole reason behind the massacre of over 2,000 people — including more than 1,800 "immigrant Muslims"—in just seven hours at Nellie?

Two inquiry committees, one set up by the government and another by agitators and freedom fighters (Asom Rajyik Mukti-Jujaru Sanmilan, a forum of freedom fighters in Assam who had fought against the British), released reports that offered contradictory observations. The reports were made public after 42 years on Tuesday.

The Tribhuvan Prasad Tewari Commission of Inquiry on the Assam Disturbances, 1983, concluded that the decision to hold the elections could not be blamed for the outbreak of violence. Tewari, an IAS officer, had submitted his 559-page report in May 1984, when the Congress was in power.

The "non-government Judicial Inquiry Commission" headed by TU Mehta, a retired Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, observed that the "imposition" of elections against the wishes of the people was one of the main reasons behind the large-scale violence in 1983. The Mehta Commission submitted its report in January 1985, but it was not accepted by the government.

In contrast, the Tewari Commission report argued that long-standing tensions over land, identity, migration and representation had created a volatile climate. "The evidence produced before the commission clearly brings out that the issues of foreigners, language, etc. have been agitating the minds of the people for the last several decades, exploding into violence on several previous occasions," the report concluded. It cited incidents of violence in 1950, 1954, 1960, 1968, 1972, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982, noting that "most of these disturbances were not related to elections".

The All Assam Students' Union (AASU), the All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad and other groups had called for a boycott of the 1983 Assembly elections after the Centre rejected their demand to scrutinise electoral rolls and remove the names of "foreigners". This led many to believe that the "imposition" of the elections was the main reason behind the violence, including the massacre at Nellie on February 18, 1983.

The Tewari Commission, however, was boycotted by the agitators. Its report was tabled in the Assembly by the Prafulla Kumar Mahanta-led Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) government after it came to power in 1985, but copies were not made available. Subsequent governments also withheld the report, citing the sensitive nature of the cases.

'Senseless violence'

The Tewari Commission report concluded that all sections of society suffered as a result of the "senseless violence".

"In some places, the attackers were Assamese and in others, the victims were Bengali-speaking people, both Hindus and Muslims. In certain other places, Muslims were the attackers and the Assamese were the victims. In several areas, the clashes took place between various sections of the Assamese," the report noted.

Both reports, however, pointed to the growing fear and anger over demographic changes caused by "large-scale illegal migration" from the erstwhile East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) as a key factor that culminated in the violence.

'Demographic threats' could become poll fodder

GUWAHATI, DHNS

The reports of two inquiry commissions that highlighted the "demographic threats" leading to large-scale violence in 1983 could provide fresh fodder for politics in Assam ahead of the Assembly elections slated for early next year, according to insiders in both the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress.

On Tuesday, Congress MLAs staged a walkout from the Assembly as the BJP-led government tabled the Justice TU Mehta "non-official" Judicial Commission report and circulated copies of the Tribhuvan Prasad Tewari Commission report (constituted by the government) on the first day of the winter session. The role of the Congress government and the administration during the 1983 violence was questioned by both commissions.

The Congress alleged that the BJP released the 1983 massacre reports to divert public attention from its failure to deliver on promises made to indigenous communities, including granting Scheduled Tribe status to six more ethnic groups. The BJP countered that the reports "exposed the failures" of the Congress government in checking large-scale illegal migration from erstwhile East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) and the demographic threats it posed to indigenous people.

Himanta Biswa Sarma

Assam shares a border with Bangladesh. "The BJP has the courage, so we are making it public," Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma told reporters when asked why his government was releasing the reports after 42 years.

The BJP and its allies, the Asom Gana Parishad and the UPPL, have been in power in Assam since 2016, with the Bodoland People's Front recently rejoining the coalition. Meanwhile, the Congress and six other Opposition parties have come together to contest the 2026 polls against the BJP.

Politics of foreigners

Since the 1980s, the vexed issue of "foreigners" in Assam has dominated election campaigns, and the trend is likely to continue in the 2026 polls. The BJP, which views Bengali-speaking Muslims as the main threat to indigenous communities, is expected to rely on the two inquiry reports to corner the Congress-led Opposition alliance.

"The BJP government is trying to protect our land and people by carrying out evictions against Bengali-speaking Muslims. We are working to rectify the problems created by the Congress party's appeasement of Muslims," a BJP leader said.

The BJP is seeking to project both the Opposition and the Badruddin Ajmal-led AIUDF as "protectors of foreigners" as it aims for a third consecutive term. The Assembly polls are scheduled for March-April.

'Old wounds healing': Modi hoists sacred flag atop Ram temple

PM marks formal completion; says 500-yr resolve fulfilled

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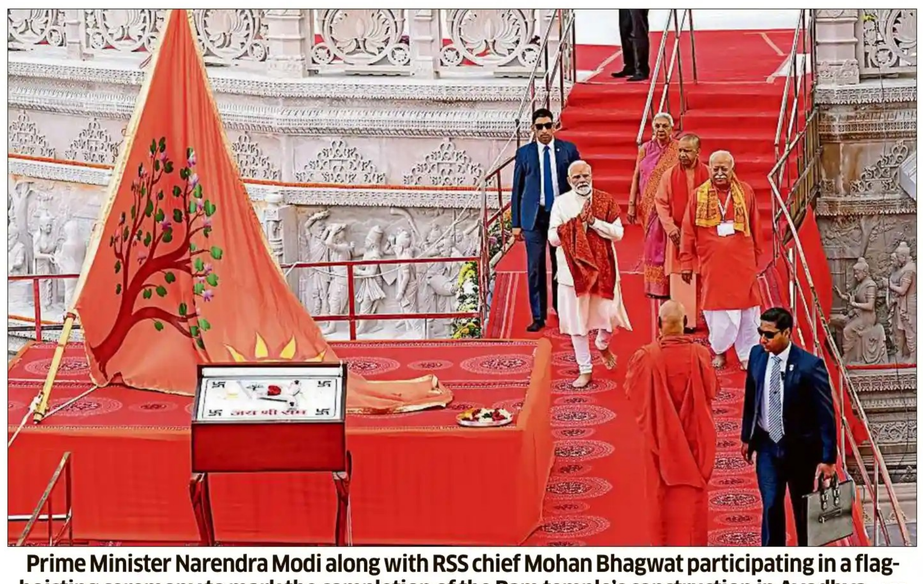
LUCKNOW, DHNS


Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat participating in a flag-hoisting ceremony to mark the completion of the Ram temple's construction in Ayodhya. AFP

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday hoisted the Dharma Dhwaj atop the Ram temple in Ayodhya, marking its formal completion, and said the 'wounds and pain of centuries' were healing as a 500-year-old resolve had finally been fulfilled.

PM Modi hoisted the saffron triangular flag on the 161-feet-high spire of the temple, amid chants of 'Jai Shree Ram'.

The 11-feet-wide and 21-feet-long flag, weighing around 2 kg, carries symbols of 'Suryavansh' (the clan to which Lord Rama belonged) and the 'Treta Yuga'.

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, who also attended the ceremony, said that the "faith of crores of devotees has been fulfilled today".

The event, which took place during the auspicious 'abhijeet muhurt' and coincided with Vivah Panchami (the festival that celebrates Lord Ram's wedding), transformed Ayodhya into a vast but highly secured cultural arena, with hundreds of artistes from across the state presenting folk, classical and devotional performances.

PM Modi used the occasion to outline the roadmap for a developed India by 2047 and said the country must break free from the 'slave mentality'.

"We must remain attached with our roots... be proud of your heritage... We will have to unshackle ourselves from the slave mentality symbolised by Lord Macaulay (the British historian, who played a key role in framing colonial India's education policy in the 1860s)... though we became free, but we could not free ourselves from slave mentality," he added.

Targets Opposition

In an apparent jab at the Opposition, he said it was the 'slave mentality' which prompted some to say that Lord Rama was a 'mythical character'.

Modi sought to liken his government's policies to those existing during the 'Ram Rajya' and said in making Lord Rama the 'Marya Purshottam' (ideal person), people like Mata Ahilya and sages like Vishwamitra, Vashishta, played important roles.

"Tribals, women, Dalits, youth are at the centre of our development policies... We believe in moving forward with cooperation and not by force," he said.

RSS chief Bhagwat said those who sacrificed their lives for the Ram temple "must be at peace today". "Today is a day of great significance for all of us," he said.

CM Yogi Adityanath termed the ceremony 'the beginning of a new era' and said the temple embodied the 'faith, honour and self-pride' of 140 crore Indians.

(With PTI inputs)

Custodial deaths a blot on system: SC

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'WON'T TOLERATE'

- SC slams Centre for 'taking court lightly' on CCTV compliance
- Court notes 11 deaths in Rajasthan, says country will not tolerate this
- Gives states, UTs three weeks to file compliance
- Cites US live-streaming, presses for reforms in India's jails

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said custodial violence and deaths are a "blot" on the system, and questioned whether the Centre was taking lightly the issue of non-functional CCTVs in police stations.

Hearing a suo motu case, a bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta expressed displeasure with the government's response to its earlier direction to install CCTV cameras in the offices of agencies such as the CBI, Enforcement Directorate (ED) and National Investigation Agency (NIA) to prevent custodial torture.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta acknowledged that custodial deaths cannot be justified.

The bench, however, noted that 11 deaths had been reported in police custody in Rajasthan over the past eight months. "Now, this country will not tolerate this. This is a blot on the system. You can't have deaths in custody," the bench said.

Having noted that the Centre had not filed a compliance affidavit in the matter, the bench asked, "The Union is taking this court very lightly. Why?"

Mehta said he was not appearing in the suo motu matter but stressed that nobody can take the court lightly. He assured that the Centre would file the compliance affidavit within three weeks.

Senior advocate Siddhartha Dave, amicus curiae in a separate matter, submitted that he had filed a report in the case in which an order was passed in December 2020.

In that order, the top court had directed the Centre to install CCTV cameras and recording equipment in the offices of investigating agencies, including the CBI, ED and NIA.

The court was informed that, in the suo motu case, only 11 states have filed their compliance affidavits.

The SC observed that in America, live streaming of footage is in place, and noted that the court is already seized of a matter concerning open-air prisons.

"You don't need any other system. That is one of the best resolutions to so many problems of overcrowding and regular complaints of violence in jails," the court said.

The SC gave states and UTs three weeks to file pending compliance affidavits and listed the matter for hearing on December 16.

Ethiopian volcano eruption hits flight operations; no impact on air quality

NEW DELHI, DHNS/PTI: Flight operations were impacted on Tuesday as ash clouds from a volcanic eruption in Ethiopia reached parts of India, but it had no impact on the weather or air quality, officials said.

Air India cancelled 13 flights since Monday as seven of its aircraft that had flown through regions affected by the volcanic ash plumes were subject to precautionary checks. These planes were cleared for operations on Tuesday, according to a source.

Ash clouds from the recent eruption of the Hayli Gubbi volcano in Ethiopia impacted flight operations and the India Meteorological Department on Tuesday said the ash plumes are drifting towards China and will move away from India.

On Sunday, a large ash plume that rose to around 14 km (45,000 feet) in the sky. Volcanic ash reached the skies over Gujarat, Delhi-NCR, Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana on Tuesday.

At Delhi airport, seven international flights were cancelled and more than 10 overseas flights were delayed.

Air India said on 'X' that it was carrying out precautionary checks on those aircraft which had flown over certain geographical locations after the Hayli Gubbi volcanic eruption.

"Following recent volcanic activity in Ethiopia and the resulting ash plume in the surrounding airspace, our flights to and from Jeddah, Kuwait, and Abu Dhabi scheduled for 24th and 25th November 2025 have been cancelled," Akasa Air said in a statement.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation said there is no cause for concern at the moment and that the situation is being monitored closely.

Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology at the IMD, said the impact was limited to higher skies.

"The volcanic ash is being seen only in the upper troposphere and it is affecting flight operations. It has no impact on air quality or weather," he said.

Army chief to visit Lanka in Dec

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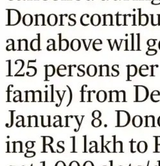
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Amid China and Pakistan's continuous attempts to woo Sri Lanka, Chief of the Army Staff Gen Upendra Dwivedi is set to visit the island nation next week to further the bilateral defence cooperation and promote India as a "reliable security partner."

The December 1-2 visit by the Chief of the Army Staff comes four years after former Army Chief Gen M M Naravane's official trip in 2021.

In his interactions with Sri Lankan political and military leadership, Gen Dwivedi would share the Indian perspectives on emerging regional and global security challenges, especially at a time when the Indo-Pacific and the Indian Ocean Region face new and evolving strategic pressures, sources said, in a veiled reference to Chinese muscle flexing in the Indian Ocean region.


Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi

Earlier this month, an Indian and Pakistani warship made a port call in Sri Lanka. INS Sukanya and PNS Saif were at Colombo almost at same time, signalling the strategic importance of island.

In September, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh Tripathi travelled to Colombo, underscoring the growing maritime cooperation between the two nations.

This was months after the official visit of Commander of Sri Lanka Army Lieutenant General BKGM Lasantha Rodrigo in June 2025, where he revisited the Indian Military Academy as the Reviewing Officer for the Passing Out Parade and Lieutenant General Vikum Liyanage's visit in 2023, which reflected Sri Lanka's continued emphasis on maintaining close professional ties with India.

Both nations uphold the principles of strategic autonomy and share a firm stance against terrorism, rooted in mutual experiences and a common vision for regional security.

Their collaboration extends to multilateral platforms as well, with Sri Lanka supporting India's aspirations for permanent membership in the UN Security Council and India backing Sri Lanka's pursuit of an expanded role in groups such as BRICS.

Not inclined to monitor every incident of hate speech: Top court

NEW DELH, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it was not inclined to either legislate or monitor every incident of hate speech in the country.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta asked why the court should legislate or monitor every small incident that takes place in the country when there are already legislative measures.

Those aggrieved can approach the police stations and high courts, the Supreme Court said.

Dealing with an application raising the issue of alleged calls for the social and economic boycott of a particular community, the bench said, "We are not legislating in the garb of this petition. Rest assured, we are not inclined to either legislate or monitor every small incident which takes place in the X, Y, Z pocket of this country".

"How can this court continue to monitor all such instances all over the country? You approach the authorities. Let them take action; otherwise, go to the high court," the bench told the counsel, who said the application was filed in a pending writ petition that has raised the issue of hate speech.

Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan from Dec 30; E-Dip system for tokens

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The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams has made elaborate arrangements for the Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan, scheduled from December 30 to January 8 at the Srivari Temple in Tirumala.

For December 30, 31, and January 1—Vaikuntha Ekadashi, Vaikuntha Dwadasi, and New Year—darshan tokens will be issued only through the electronic-Dip system.

Tokens will be allotted under the 1+3 family quota, allowing up to four members. Registration window for E-Dip will be November 27 – December 1 and devotees may register on: https://ttdevasthanams.ap.gov.in, https://apps.apple.com/in/app/ttdevasthanams/or AP government WhatsApp Bot under TTD temple services.

E-DIP results will be declared at 2 pm on December 2.

On December 30, 31, and January 1, SED, Srivani Darshan, and all other special darshans are cancelled.

From January 2 to 8, devotees can avail Sarva Darshan directly, without tokens, through Vaikuntham Queue Complex–2.

Also, TTD has cancelled all privilege darshans for parents with one-year infants, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, defence personnel, and NRIs for the entire period from December 30 to January 8. On January 6, 7, and 8, darshan will be provided for local devotees. From December 30 to January 8, VIP break darshan will be provided only to the protocol dignitaries who visit in person. All Arjita Sevas stand cancelled during these 10 days. Donors contributing Rs 1 crore and above will get darshan for 125 persons per day (for their family) from December 30 to January 8. Donors contributing Rs 1 lakh to Rs 99 lakh will get 1,000 slots/day on December 30 & 31, 2,000 slots/day from Jan 1 to 8.

Bill to merge UGC, AICTE & NCTE in Winter Session

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Government of India is expected to introduce the Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) Bill in the Winter Session of the Parliament.

The HECI Bill aims to establish a unified higher education regulator, bringing bodies such as the University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), and the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) under one organisation.

The HECI Bill would exclude certain institutions, as medical and law colleges would not fall under its jurisdiction.

This is the second time that a legislation for the merger of higher education bodies was mooted. In 2018, the education ministry issued a draft bill, the Higher Education Commission of India (Repeal of University Grants Commission Act), for public feedback. However, the bill was never introduced.

Work on a second bill started in 2021-22, with the ministry of education, UGC and AICTE together drafting the legislation.

However, the move has been criticised. The All India Save Education Committee (AISEC) said the merger will compromise the autonomy of higher educational institutions.

ELECTORAL HEAT: West Bengal CM warns of voter delisting under CAA in Bengal's Matua belt

BJP won't stay in power in 2029: Mamata

BONGAON, PTI

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addresses a rally at Bangaon on Tuesday. PTI

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday flayed the EC over the SIR of electoral rolls, claiming that voters in the state's Matua-majority areas would be "immediately delisted" if declared foreigners under the CAA, and urged people not to resort to extreme steps under fear of the exercise.

Addressing a rally here, Mamata asserted that she would "shake" the BJP's foundation if challenged in Bengal and later escalated her attack by predicting the saffron camp "will not stay in power in 2029," as Bengal "understands the poll game unlike Bihar", where the I.N.D.I.A bloc lost the elections post the SIR.

After the 2026 Assembly polls, the CM said she would "tour the nation", warning the BJP that "2029 will be a dangerous time for you".

> **MAMATA BANERJEE**
> West Bengal CM
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> "Don't try to play with me. Use all the agencies you want, you (the BJP) won't be able to fight me. If you try to hit me in Bengal, I will shake your foundation across the country. A wounded tiger is more dangerous than a living one

"Hurting the people of Bengal is hurting me. If you hurt me, I will shake the nation. Remember, an injured tiger is more dangerous," she said.

In a high-voltage show of strength in the Matua heartland, Mamata accused the BJP of weaponising the Election Commission and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls to tilt the 2026 Assembly polls.

Bongaon, a border area with a large population of Matua voters whose citizenship status the BJP seeks to consolidate through the CAA, has become the epicentre of the state's political confrontation.

The TMC supremo told the gathering that people were being pushed into panic as the SIR gained pace across districts. "Human lives are too precious. I urge you, don't harm yourself under fear of SIR," Mamata said, promising that her government would stand by every affected household.

Her sharpest criticism was directed at what she called "misleading certificates" allegedly being issued by BJP-linked organisations in the Matua belt.

"They are cheating you. Certificates dated November-December 2025 state that you lived in Bangladesh till 2002. This is a huge fraud," she said, claiming that such documents would automatically brand applicants as foreigners.

Reiterating her stance on the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), Mamata said that any person declaring Bangladeshi origin to apply for citizenship would be "immediately delisted as a voter".

"If those who voted in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls are not genuine, the BJP-led central government has no right to govern," she asserted.

She alleged that the SIR was being carried out in an "unprecedented, coercive, two-month crash mode" instead of the two to three years taken during the last revision in 2002 and accused the poll body of operating on "instructions from Delhi" and turning into "a BJP Commission".

"The Commission has engaged a 'chota babu' (CEO Manoj Agarwal) here who threatens BLOs with jail and job loss. He will retire in five months," she alleged.

The day's political flashpoint, however, came before the rally when the CM claimed that her hired helicopter, scheduled to land at 12.30 pm, was abruptly grounded. She eventually travelled by road.

"Before the elections even begin, the confrontation has started. But it helped me. On the way, I met so many people," Mamata said.

Mamata 'bullying' BLOs: BJP

NEW DELHI, PTI: The BJP on Tuesday accused West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who took out another anti-SIR march in the state, of "threatening anarchy" and asserted that her efforts to derail the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls will not succeed.

It also alleged that Banerjee was "lying and twisting facts" with regard to the death of the booth level officers (BLOs) involved in the SIR exercise, and asked why her administration has not provided police and post-mortem reports of these poll officials "who died on duty", depriving their families of due compensation.

BJP national spokesperson Pradeep Bhandari said in a post on X, "Mamata Banerjee is desperate, threatening anarchy as 'ghuspaithya' illegal infiltrators are being identified and removed in SIR."

Amit Malviya

BJP co-incharge for West Bengal Amit Malviya slammed Banerjee, calling her "caretaker CM", and alleged that she has now levelled up from bullying BLOs to threatening the state's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO).

"With barely 6 months left in her final tenure, she's suddenly the grand authority on everyone else's future! Her pot of sins is overflowing, her empathy for BLOs is non-existent, and she'll derail the SIR if that's what it takes. But she won't succeed," Malviya said in a post on X.

"Why hasn't her administration provided police and post-mortem reports of BLOs who died on duty, depriving their families of due compensation? Why hasn't she released the Rs 18,000 payment for BLOs?...Why are data entry operators not being provided to the BLOs? Their workload could have been eased instantly," Malviya added.

The BJP leader also raised questions on Banerjee's objection to the CEO's office floating a Request for Proposal (RfP) for hiring 1,000 data entry operators and 50 software developers for a period of one year.

EC's response sought on Vaiko's plea against SIR

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought a response from the Election Commission on a plea by MDMK founder and former Rajya Sabha member Vaiko questioning the validity of the decision to undertake special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Tamil Nadu.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi fixed the plea for a hearing on December 2.

The former Rajya Sabha member challenged the revision exercise in the state, contending the notification violated various fundamental rights, including the right to equality and various provisions of the Representation of the People Act and the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960.

Earlier, several other political parties, like DMK, Communist Party of India (Marxist), TVK, and actor Vijay, also challenged the revision exercise in Tamil Nadu.

The court had also allowed the listing of an intervention application filed by the AIADMK, which supports the special intensive revision in Tamil Nadu.

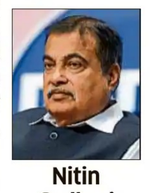
The court on November 11 had sought a separate response from the poll body on pleas filed by DMK, CPI(M), West Bengal Congress, and Trinamool Congress leaders challenging the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

The Supreme Court had also asked the high courts of Madras and Calcutta to keep in abeyance any proceedings on petitions challenging the exercise in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

Need to focus on alternative fuel to reduce pollution, says Gadkari

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday said India needs to focus on alternative and bio-fuels, along with new technology and innovation, to reduce air pollution.

"Ecology and environment are very important... I do not need to explain about the air pollution... You are already experiencing the problem (air pollution) in Delhi," he said while addressing an event.



Nitin Gadkari

The minister said 40% of air pollution is due to transport fuel, and it is a big problem for the country, particularly Delhi.

India is spending Rs 22 lakh crore for importing fossil fuels, and because of this, "we are facing the problem of pollution," he noted.

"So, we need to focus on alternative fuel and bio-fuels to reduce pollution," he said.

Gadkari said logistics cost in India will come down to a single digit by December this year, helped by the rapid expansion of expressways and economic corridors.

Admissions must be on merit: Omar on Vaishno Devi college row

JAMMU, PTI: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday asked BJP leader Sunil Sharma to push for declaring Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence (SMVDIME) a minority institute to keep away non-Hindu students.

"Faith is fine but when you were building the college, it should have been given the minority status at that time. The admissions happen on the basis of NEET and other tests and not on the basis of religion," Abdullah told reporters here.

The chief minister was responding to a question about Sharma, the leader of opposition in J&K Assembly, defending the stance of his party that the first batch of admissions in the college should be revoked and the seats be reserved for the students having faith in the deity.

"Now if you want Muslims to not get admission in this institute, let it be the case. Declare it a minority institute and the Muslims and one Sikh student who have secured their admission on the basis of their merit should be given admission somewhere else. But keep in mind your role when you raise a finger against Muslims and allege that they have become communal, sectarian and do not tolerate others," Abdullah said.

Telangana gram panchayat polls in December

HYDERABAD, DHNS: The Telangana State Election Commission on Tuesday announced that polling for 12,728 gram panchayats will be held in three phases on December 11, 14 and 17.

With the notification being issued, Model Code of Conduct has come into immediate effect across the state.

An earlier notification to conduct elections to Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituencies (ZPTCs), Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituencies (MPTCs) and Gram Panchayats was put on hold after the Telangana High Court issued an interim order staying a government order that provided 42% reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in local bodies.

GHMC expansion

The state cabinet on Tuesday approved the merger of all municipalities and municipal corporations within the Hyderabad–Telangana Core Urban Area into the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).

Trinamool, EC face off over meeting

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Tension is brewing between the Election Commission (EC) and Trinamool Congress (TMC) over a meeting to discuss the Special Intensive Revision (SIR). The poll body has agreed to allow a five-member delegation, while the TMC is insisting on a 10-member team for the meeting on Friday.

Trinamool Rajya Sabha leader Derek O'Brien on Sunday wrote to the EC seeking an early appointment for a delegation of 10 MPs to give a 'reality check' of the ground situation in West Bengal, where 38 deaths have been reported due to the SIR, sources said.

On Monday, the EC wrote to Mamata Banerjee, referring to O'Brien's letter seeking an appointment and said the poll body is 'always welcome regular interaction' with parties for a 'constructive dialogue' while setting the meeting for 11 am on Friday. It asked her to send a delegation of five.

Sources added that the TMC wrote another letter, in which it sent details of 10 MPs it would send for the meeting, adding they are not going to accept the EC proposition of allowing only fiver members.

Trinamool Congress General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee said, "Time has been sought for a delegation of 10 MPs. They are representatives elected by the people of India, unlike the CEC and ECs, who are handpicked by the government. These selective leaks portraying the EC as 'transparent' and 'cordial' are nothing but a manufactured facade".

"If the EC is genuinely transparent, why is it scared to face just 10 MPs? Hold the meeting openly. Telecast it live and answer the five straightforward, legitimate questions that the AITC will place before you. Is the Election Commission willing to prove its transparency or does it only function behind closed doors?" he added.

TMC posted on its 'X' handle, 'silence will be the loudest confession'.

While the EC claimed that it welcomes interaction with parties, it said the poll body had refused to meet a TMC delegation in May, stating that the issues they wanted to raise could be addressed by the Chief Electoral Officer in the state.

Kerala minister objects to student involvement in SIR; EC says voluntary

ARJUN RAGHUNATH
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS

> **ROLL CALL**
> - Minister Sivankutty says students' services were sought for 10 days
> - Says academic disruption unacceptable
> - 38.45% forms digitised in Kerala; 2.81 lakh voters untraceable

Kerala General Education Minister V Sivankutty has strongly objected to election officials seeking the services of students for Special Intensive Revision (SIR) activities.

Election Commission officials clarified that only voluntary participation of students who are members of electoral literacy clubs in schools and colleges had been sought.

Sivankutty said some election officials had asked for students' services for about 10 days to assist with SIR-related work. This, he said, could not be permitted as it would affect their studies. He directed the officials concerned to ensure that students are not engaged in any activity that could disrupt their academics.

In a statement, Chief Electoral Officer Rathan Kelkar said that around 1,700 electoral literacy clubs exist in schools and colleges across the state. The purpose of these clubs is to encourage student participation in the election process. In some places, election officials sought the voluntary service of club members to assist BLOs in distributing and digitising SIR enumeration forms, as well as helping people fill them out.

Meanwhile, 38.45% of enumeration forms in the state had been digitised by Tuesday, while the number of untraceable voters rose to 2,81,608.

A Booth Level Officer interacts with a voter in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday. PTI

Nudity row

A BLO's service was terminated after a video surfaced showing the official engaging in nudity during a verbal duel.

The BLO at Thavanoor in Malappuram was seen lifting his dhoti during an argument that broke out while conducting enumeration. Several people, including women, were present at the spot. The dispute was reportedly over whether to hold camps instead of distributing forms at households.

The district administration sought an explanation from the BLO, identified as Vasudevan, and removed him from SIR duties.

Public ire

A group of BLOs in Malappuram district have expressed fears of facing public ire over the SIR process. BLOs from Kondotty submitted a representation to their higher-ups, saying they feared that once the draft electoral roll is published on December 9, they would face the anger of those excluded from the list.

They also said they were under severe mental and physical stress, as the entire responsibility of enrollment—from tracing voters to digitising records—was on them.

Meanwhile, election officials are taking measures to motivate BLOs. In Thodupuzha, Idukki district, BLOs were honoured with postal stamps featuring the pictures of officials who successfully completed their tasks.

Expelled AIADMK leader poised for key role in Vijay's TVK

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CHENNAI, DHNS

Sengottaiyan

Actor Vijay's Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) is likely to induct its first high-profile leader, an expelled AIADMK leader, K A Sengottaiyan, who brings with him about 50 years of experience in Dravidian politics gained by working with leaders like M G Ramachandran and J Jayalalithaa.

Sengottaiyan, a nine-term legislator, was expelled from the party on October 31 after he pushed for the unification of the AIADMK by bringing back sacked leaders such as V K Sasikala, T T V Dhinakaran, and O Panneerselvam.

"We are in advanced talks with Sengottaiyan. He is most likely to join TVK in the presence of our leader Vijay on November 27. We expect that he will meet our leader on November 26 out of courtesy before formally joining the party," a source told *DH*.

The source added that Sengottaiyan, who hails from the dominant Gounder community, a key vote bank of the AIADMK, has been promised a "top post" in the TVK. It is also believed that Sengottaiyan will join TVK along with his supporters, who were also expelled from the AIADMK.

Sengottaiyan will be an asset for the TVK, which now lacks experienced politicians in its fold—a majority of its second-rung leaders are either novices or inexperienced politicians who never worked with the Dravidian majors. It is believed that Vijay wanted a veteran like Sengottaiyan not just to advise him but also to formulate strategies for the 2026 elections.

The lack of a politically trained and experienced hand in TVK ranks was felt after the Karur stampede that killed 41 people when the party's response was inadequate.

Sources in Sengottaiyan's camp told *DH* that he has worked the phones for the past two days to convince many former MLAs and MPs who owe their posts to him to follow suit in joining the TVK.

NAYI CHETNA 4.0

11 ministries join hands for violence-free rural India

AMRITA MADHUKALYA
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Villages across the country will now be awarded certificates for eliminating gender-based violence. The Union Ministry of Rural Development and the Ministry of Women and Child Development on Tuesday announced the initiative as part of the fourth phase of the 'Nayi Chetna' campaign to end gender-based violence.

Through a joint effort, 11 ministries will work together to make all villages violence-free. Under Nayi Chetna 4.0, 'didis' will lead a nationwide public campaign with support from the Centre for Gender Equality. With the involvement of women's groups in every village, the initiative aims to eradicate violence against women and gender inequality.

The campaign, ongoing since 2022, has already engaged millions of didis and self-help groups. Villages declared violence-free will be given certificates.

The national campaign was launched by Union Ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Annapurna Devi at the Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra in Sushma Swaraj Bhavan. An inter-ministerial collaboration involving 11 ministries, the initiative will focus on women's safety, dignity and economic participation, while emphasising the need to change discriminatory mindsets against daughters in society.

Minister Chouhan said social security stems from economic empowerment. "The central government is striving to ensure that no woman has to beg for help. It is working tirelessly to ensure that every woman becomes a millionaire. To this end, numerous concrete initiatives are being taken for the economic and social empowerment of women," he said.

"This campaign has transformed into a mass movement to strengthen the safety, dignity and economic participation of women in rural India. It promotes women's respect, security and self-reliance," Chouhan said.

The minister added that while the government has implemented numerous programmes, such as women's reservation in local body elections, the statistics on women's plight remain alarming.

The campaign seeks to raise awareness about gender-based violence through community action, while promoting women's safe mobility, recognition of their economic contribution, and shared responsibility in household tasks. It is being organised by the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) under the Ministry of Rural Development.

Although the campaign will run throughout the year, an intensive phase will continue until December 23 across all states and Union Territories, led by a vast network of self-help groups.

Medicos under strain as terror punctures trust

ZULFIKAR MAJID
SRINAGAR, DHNS

> **FRATERNITY CLOUD**
> - Arrests of medical professionals spark suspicion in hospitals and on campuses
> - Doctors fear fallout may change security agencies' view of medical community
> - The episode has prompted clinicians to reflect on medical students' vulnerability to online radical propaganda
> - Kashmiri docs in other cities face 'awkward' questions

The unmasking of the 'white-collar terror module' involving medicos has jolted Kashmir's healthcare community and, for the first time in decades, shaken the deep trust that security forces placed in the medical fraternity.

The acts attributed to a few individuals, investigators say, have cast a long shadow on an entire profession that had largely remained above suspicion throughout the Valley's turbulent years.

Right from 1989, when armed insurgency erupted in Kashmir, doctors and health workers were among the only groups whom security forces routinely exempted from frisking, identity checks, and barricade stoppages.

The assumption was clear: medical staff were neutral life-savers, and obstructing them could cost precious lives. Even at the peak of militancy, ambulances and doctors moved with a freedom rarely afforded to any other segment of society.

That unwritten covenant of trust has now been shaken.

A senior consultant at a Srinagar tertiary-care hospital said the development has "deeply punctured the trust built painstakingly over three decades."

He added, "Even in the worst years of the 1990s, security personnel rarely stopped doctors. They believed we were neutral and dedicated to saving lives. Today, the acts of a few have cast an entire fraternity under an undeserved cloud."

'Routine life changed'

Medical students say that routine life has changed. At SKIMS Medical College and GMC Srinagar, students report heightened security checks. Some say they have been questioned about friends, discussion groups, and online circles.

The episode has triggered introspection among senior clinicians about how sections of the medical student community may have become vulnerable to online radical propaganda.

Medicine was once considered insulated from such influences," a senior professor at GMC said. "But the digital ecosystem has changed that. These young people are bright and ambitious, but they're exposed to the same toxic content as others. We need to understand how a doctor reached a point of seeking ideological validation for violence."

The unease is not confined to Kashmir. Kashmiri doctors who are posted in other cities of the country say they are suddenly facing awkward questions from colleagues and patients.

Arunachal is an integral and inalienable part of India, asserts MEA

Rejects China's claim amid Shanghai airport detention controversy

NEW DELHI, PTI

India on Tuesday rejected China's response to the detention of an Indian national from Arunachal Pradesh at the Shanghai airport, and asserted that the border state is an integral part of the country.

Pema Wang Thongdok alleged that Chinese immigration officials at the airport detained her for 18 hours on November 21 during a transit halt after refusing to recognise her Indian passport as her birthplace was Arunachal Pradesh.

The Chinese foreign ministry on Tuesday rejected the allegations, saying the actions were in accordance with the regulations. It also reiterated China's claim over Arunachal Pradesh.

PEMA KHANDU
Arunachal Pradesh CM

"Arunachal Pradesh is and will always be an integral part of India. Any insinuation otherwise is baseless and offensive."

"We have seen statements made by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the arbitrary detention of an Indian citizen from Arunachal Pradesh, who was holding a valid passport and was transiting through Shanghai International Airport on her onward travel to Japan," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

"Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India, and this is a self-evident fact. No amount of denial by the Chinese side is going to change this indisputable reality," he said.

Jaiswal said the issue of the detention of the Indian national has been taken up strongly with the Chinese side.

"Chinese authorities have still not been able to explain their actions, which are in violation of several conventions governing international air travel," he said.

"The actions by the Chinese authorities also violate their own regulations that allow visa-free transit up to 24 hours for nationals of all countries," he added.

India has already lodged a strong protest with China over the incident.

In a series of social media posts, Thongdok said Chinese immigration officials at the Shanghai airport detained her for 18 hours on the ground that her passport was "invalid" as her birthplace was Arunachal Pradesh.

"They called my Indian passport invalid as my birthplace is Arunachal Pradesh which they claimed is Chinese territory," she said.

ED attaches Rs 80-cr assets in Telangana mining case

HYDERABAD, DHNS: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached several immovable and movable properties amounting to Rs 80.05 crore under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act in connection with an ongoing investigation into illegal mining by a granite company linked to a BRS MLA who joined the Congress last year in Telangana.

The ED initiated its investigation into the alleged illegal activities of M/s Santhosh Sand & Granite Supply, owned by Gudem Madhusudhan Reddy, brother of BRS MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy, on basis of FIRs registered by Patancheru Police.

It was alleged that M/s Santhosh Sand & Granite Supply, represented by Proprietor Gudem Madhusudhan Reddy and others, cheated the government by carrying out excess mining in the assigned quarry area and conducting illegal mining on unassigned government land. This allegedly caused a major revenue loss to the state, including Rs 39.08 crore in royalty dues.

Bihar to deploy anti-Romeo squads near schools, colleges

PATNA, PTI

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary on Tuesday said that special police personnel will be deployed near schools and colleges to prevent eve-teasing of female students.

Samrat Choudhary

Choudhary, who took charge of the Home department earlier on the day, told reporters, "We will deploy 'anti-Romeo squads' near schools and colleges on the lines of 'pink patrolling' so that no one eve teases or harasses our sisters and daughters. Special forces will be on watch during vacations as well."

Pink patrolling is in practice in several states of India to prevent eve-teasing and harassment of women and girls.

Choudhary said there will be "zero tolerance" against crime, adding that 400 mafias have been identified thus far, whose properties will be seized on the orders of the courts.

"In accordance with court orders, bulldozers will be run over the houses of the criminals," he said.

He also said that strict vigilance will be maintained over jails. "Unauthorised entry of mobile phones in the jail premises will be checked...Unless and until prescribed by doctors, no outside food will be allowed in," he added.

"Nitish Kumar has consistently worked towards improving the law-and-order situation in Bihar. We will strive to strengthen it further," Choudhary said.

He said cybercrimes will be dealt with strictly, and those hurling abuses over social media or making objectionable comments will face appropriate action.

Choudhary said that "organised crimes" will be checked in the state and "good governance" will prevail under Nitish Kumar's leadership.

Tempo-truck crash in Bihar leaves 6 dead

SHEIKHPURA, PTI: Six people, including a minor, died and eight others were injured after a speeding truck collided head-on with a tempo in Bihar's Sheikhpura district on Tuesday, police said.

The accident took place around 1 pm near Maniyanda More when the truck hit the tempo, which was carrying 14 people, they said.

Four of the injured are in critical condition. The critically injured have been referred to Vardhman Medical College and Hospital in Pawapuri for further treatment. The truck driver abandoned the vehicle and fled after the accident.

Ch'garh: 28 Maoists, including 22 with Rs 89-lakh bounty, surrender

NARAYANPUR (CHHATTISGARH), PTI: Twenty-eight Naxalites, 22 of them collectively carrying a reward of Rs 89 lakh on their heads, surrendered in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district on Tuesday, officials said.

The cadres, including 19 women, turned themselves in before senior police officials here citing they were impressed by the 'Niyad Nellanar' (your good village) scheme of the state government, new surrender and rehabilitation policy and "Poona Margham (rehabilitation for social reintegration), Inspector General of Police (IGP), Bastar Range Sundarraj Pattilingam said.

While Niyad Nellanar scheme is aimed at facilitating development works in remote villages, Poona Margham is a rehabilitation initiative launched by Bastar Range police.

Of the surrendered, four hardcore cadres - Pandi Dhruv alias Dinesh (33), a Divisional Committee member; Dule Mandavi alias Munni (26), Chhattis Poyam (18), and Padni Oyam (30), all three members of military company no. 6 of East Bastar division of Maoists - carried a reward of Rs 8 lakh each, he said. Among others, Lakhmu Usendi (20), Sukmati Nureti (25), Sakila Kashyap (35), Shambatti Shori (35), Chaite alias Rajita (30) and Budhra Rava (28), all area committee members, carried a bounty of Rs 5 lakh each, he said.

The rehabilitation of 28 Maoist cadres in Narayanpur indicates that the end of the violent and anti-people Maoist ideology is near.

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Blondie

ACCORDING TO MY BACK-TO-SCHOOL APP, I'VE GOT 6 DAYS, 21 HOURS AND 7 MINUTES OF FREEDOM
WHEN SCHOOL STARTS, IT'S BYE-BYE TO THE POOL AND HELLO TO BEING A PRISONER
PLUS...
COME ON, ELMO, AREN'T YOU BEING A LITTLE DRAMATIC?
DON'T STOP ME NOW, I'M ON A ROLL

Hagar The Horrible

Beetle Bailey

Peanuts

Marvin

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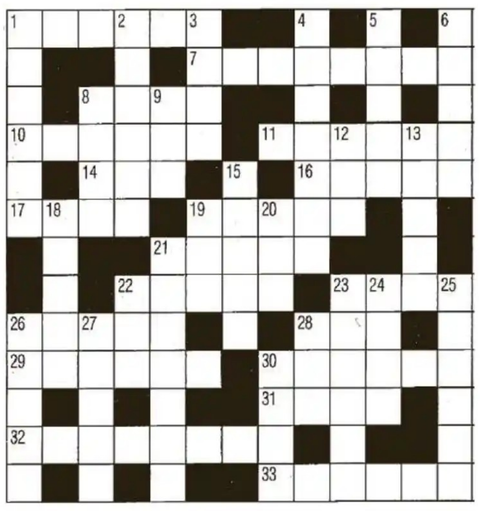

CRYPTIC

ACROSS
1 Dismissive thing to say to a tout, at some stage (3,3)
7 Short measure for Henry Bird (4,4)
8 On a fork, could it be only one in ten? (4)
10 Go to bed when, in town, the night has only started (4,2)
11 Clay model of a flying saucer? (6)
14 Free love is too much for this swimmer (3)
16 Swear to devise cures (5)
17 Acts like females (4)
19 Arthur Doyle's other name (5)
21 It's in China, in the south, unanimously agreed (5)
22 The man put out is angry and excited (3,2)
23 It's only me again (4)
26 Showing a good deal of superiority (5)
28 Spoil a place by removing the gate? (3)
29 Earth-shaking effect? (6)
30 Split fruit? (6)
31 When following up, it's used as arrow poison (4)
32 Makes nervous moves, perhaps, to join charmers at the Turk's Head (8)
33 He amended the deed given attention (6)

DOWN
1 Like an empty shell (6)
2 Supposes no pies are available (6)
3 In Athens, but not now (4)
4 Like Violet perhaps, a movie queen? (7)
5 The man who came to dinner (5)
6 Polished the shoe put out of the way (5)
8 Of the Wood family, perhaps? (4)
9 There's nothing in backing a loser, initially (3)
12 As a weapon, a good one (3)
13 Rosie's willowy form (5)
15 Extra pay is good for us (5)
18 This smell is nothing if not stubborn (5)
19 In more ways than one, a scoring one? (3)
20 A snooze on the carpet? (3)
21 Brave show of love amid fantastic riches (7)
22 The moorland's border? (3)
23 Contrive to be a runner (6)
24 Their timely significance may come to our ears (4)
25 Being so excited, tipped ale over Edward (6)
26 Taste for exploring New York, for instance (5)
27 It's settled on a seat, this bird (5)
28 Something to scale (3)
30 Wild shrub lacking a centrepiece? (4)

ACROSS
1 Request forcibly (6)
7 Outer (8)
8 Melody (4)
10 Tentacle (6)
11 Bluish-black element (6)
14 Boy's name (3)
16 Cold dish (5)
17 Condiment (4)
19 Truncheon (5)
21 Faithful (5)
22 Anteroom (5)
23 Snooker rods (4)
26 Severe abdominal pain (5)
28 Unit of weight (3)
29 Planet (6)
30 Severe food shortage (6)
31 Egress (4)
32 State of being alone (8)
33 Cleaning cloth (6)

DOWN
1 Sketches (6)
2 A charm (6)
3 Ruminant mammal (4)
4 Air spray (7)
5 Blacksmith's block (5)
6 Lose blood (5)
8 Inform (4)
9 Born (3)
12 Karate expert (3)
13 Simplistic (5)
15 Stratum (5)
18 Detest vehemently (5)
19 Young male (3)
20 Pitch (3)
21 Destructive insects (7)
22 Flipper (3)
23 Comedians (6)
24 Single entity (4)
25 Kebab spike (6)
26 Oath (5)
27 Serving spoon (5)
28 Levy (3)
30 Give food to (4)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12295

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 1, Spain 6, A-side 9, Make out 10, Dummy 11, Gourd 12, Tot up 13, Leander 15, Hen 17, Idle 18, Strode 19, Pa's-TA 20, Garden 22, Pine 24, O-ft. 25, Creator 26, Hur-Ry. 27, Davis 28, Maxim 29, L-assoed 30, Drill 31, Terns.
DOWN: 2, PA-used 3, Im-mu-ne 4, Nay 5, Tenor 6, Augusta 7, Stop 8, Dar-T-ed 12, Tex-A-n 13, Ling-O 14, Alert 15, Hop it 16, Never 18, Story 19, Peru-Sal 21, Affair 22, Parade 23, Not-I-on 25, Cr.-ass 26, H-ill 28, Met.

EASY
ACROSS: 1, Scram 6, Darts 9, Captain 10, Elect 11, Sonic 12, Argon 13, Massage 15, Her 17, Eros 18, Sedate 19, Risky 20, Origin 22, Aide 24, Nod 25, Flatter 26, Chill 27, Mafia 28, Libra 29, Trainer 30, Ceded 31, Tense.
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◆SU-DO-KU-6761◆

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very hard

SOLUTION TO 6760

7	3	1	4	8	9	2	5	6
4	2	8	5	6	3	1	7	9
9	5	6	2	7	1	3	8	4
1	6	2	8	9	4	5	3	7
3	8	9	7	5	2	6	4	1
5	4	7	3	1	6	8	9	2
8	1	5	6	4	7	9	2	3
6	7	3	9	2	8	4	1	5
2	9	4	1	3	5	7	6	8

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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I1	E1	I1	K5	R1	R1	S1	Double Word Score	RACK 1
G2	E1	E1	D2	S1	L1	F4		RACK 2
E1	D2	D2	C3	F4	A1	E1	Triple Word Score	RACK 3
A1	O1	Y4	N1	R1	M3	P3		RACK 4

PAR SCORE 190-200
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

R1	E1	N1	T1	A1	L1	S1	RACK 1	= 57
G2	A1	I1	N1	S1	T1		RACK 2	= 21
J8	A1	M3	B3	E1	A1	U1	RACK 3	= 104
O1	B3	S1	E1	R1	V4	E1	RACK 4	= 68

PAR SCORE 165-175 JUDD'S TOTAL 250

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

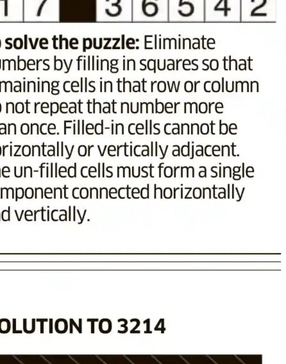
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RPOFO

FYEHT

ILWWLO

GHILTF



HE WAS HESITANT TO JOIN THE OTHERS TUBING ON THE RIVER, BUT HE DID TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THE (Answers tomorrow)

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Yesterday's Jumbles: BIRCH TARDY MARROW MUFFLE
Answer: Babies were bawling in coach, but thankfully, business class was a — FAR CRY FROM THEM

HITORI-3215

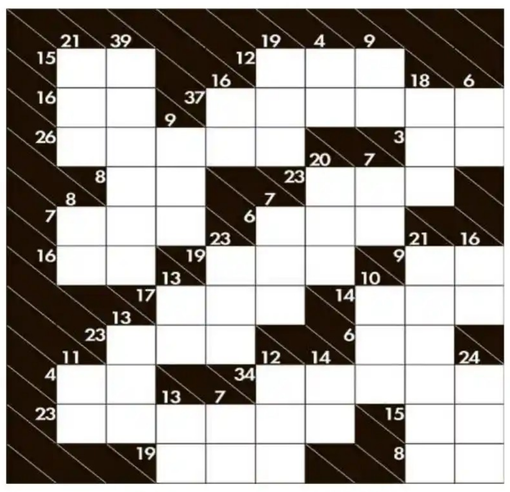
3	1	6	5	5	4	2	2
6	5	1	4	6	6	7	2
6	4	6	7	6	8	5	1
4	5	6	6	2	5	1	6
2	7	3	8	5	2	4	6
2	8	2	6	3	1	2	4
1	5	5	6	7	2	6	3
7	2	4	3	5	6	8	6

SOLUTION TO 3214

6	■	2	■	8	7	■	5
8	4	1	6	5	■	2	3
5	6	7	1	4	3	8	■
7	■	6	■	2	■	1	8
■	2	■	5	3	4	■	7
4	5	3	2	7	1	6	■
2	■	5	7	■	6	■	4
1	7	■	3	6	5	4	2

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO- 3215



SOLUTION TO 3214

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

SU DO KU X - 3747

■			7					5
	2				9		6	
	4	■			1	■	2	
1	9		■	3	■	6	5	
		2	1	■				
7			■	6	8	9		
		■				■		
	■						3	4
■				8				■

SOLUTION TO 3746

1	2	7	6	4	5	8	9	3
6	8	4	3	2	9	1	5	7
9	3	5	8	7	1	2	4	6
4	9	1	2	5	6	7	3	8
2	7	3	4	9	8	6	1	5
8	5	6	1	3	7	4	2	9
5	6	8	9	1	4	3	7	2
3	4	9	7	8	2	5	6	1
7	1	2	5	6	3	9	8	4

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

Trump has 'commonsense' opinion on H-1B: White House

NEW YORK/WASHINGTON, PTI: US President Donald Trump has a "very nuanced and commonsense opinion" on the issue of H-1B visas and does not support American workers being replaced, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said.

To a question on American workers being replaced with H-1B visa holders and Trump's position on it, Leavitt said the President's stance on the issue has been mischaracterised.

On the H-1B visa issue, Leavitt said Trump "has a very nuanced and commonsense opinion on this issue. He wants to see if foreign companies are investing trillions of dollars in the United States of America, and they're bringing foreign workers with them to create very niche things like batteries, he wants to see that at the beginning to get those manufacturing facilities and those factories up and running."

She said that ultimately, Trump always wants to see American workers in those jobs, and he's told foreign companies investing in the country that they "better be hiring my people if you're going to be doing business in the United States. So there's been a lot of misunderstanding of the President's position."

Leavitt added that the President wants to see the American manufacturing industry revitalised better than ever before. "That's part of what he's doing with his effective use of tariffs and cutting good trade deals around the world. That's why he's recruited trillions and trillions of dollars in investments into our country. Those are creating good-paying American jobs right here at home," she said.

Pak airstrikes killed 10, mostly children: Taliban

Pakistan Army denies Afghan allegations of airstrikes

KABUL, AP/PTI

Afghanistan's Taliban government on Tuesday accused Pakistan of launching overnight airstrikes in three eastern provinces, killing 10 civilians, including nine children, in a sign of worsening tensions between the two neighbours.

Zabihullah Mujahid, the chief spokesperson for the Afghan government, said on X that Pakistan "bombed" the home of a civilian in Khost province, killing nine children and a woman. He said additional strikes were carried out in the provinces of Kunar and Paktika, injuring four others.

The latest escalation follows a deadly attack a day earlier in Pakistan's northwestern city of Peshawar, where two suicide bombers and a gunman stormed the headquarters of the Federal Constabulary. Three officers were killed, and 11 others were wounded in the Monday morning attack.

No group has claimed responsibility for the Peshawar attack, but suspicion quickly fell on the Pakistani Taliban, or Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan.

It is a separate group but closely allied with the Afghan Taliban, and many of its leaders are hiding in Afghanistan.

Pakistan has repeatedly urged Afghanistan's Taliban rulers to prevent TTP militants from using Afghan territory to launch attacks. Kabul denies the accusation, but relations further deteriorated after Afghanistan blamed Pakistan for the October 9 strikes on its capital and threatened retaliation.

The clashes that followed killed dozens of soldiers, civilians and militants before Qatar brokered a ceasefire on October 19.

Two subsequent rounds of talks in Istanbul failed to resolve the dispute, when Pakistan said Afghanistan had refused to provide a written guarantee that TTP fighters would not operate from Afghan soil.

Pakistan Army on Tuesday rejected accusations by Afghanistan's Taliban government that it carried out overnight airstrikes. "Pakistan Army has not attacked civilians inside Afghanistan... Whenever Pakistan attacks someone, it announces it," Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry, Director General of Pakistan Army's media wing Inter-Services Public Relations, was quoted as saying by state broadcaster Pakistan Television.

WHY ARE TENSIONS RISING AGAIN?
Accusations on both sides
Taliban accuse Pakistan of deadly airstrikes in eastern Afghanistan, and Islamabad links recent attacks at home to militants coming from Afghanistan. Pakistan says Afghan-based militants are behind bombings in Islamabad, South Waziristan and Peshawar. Taliban deny hosting Pakistani militants.
What happened last month?
Pakistan struck Kabul targeting the TTP chief. Taliban then attacked Pakistani border posts; Pakistan retaliated. Dozens were reported killed. A ceasefire followed but talks collapsed.
Who are the Pakistani Taliban (TTP)?
A Pashtun militant group formed in 2007, inspired by the Afghan Taliban but more radical. Responsible for major attacks, including the shooting of Malala.
After the 2021 Taliban takeover
Pakistan says the TTP leadership operates from Afghanistan. Also accuses Kabul of sheltering Baloch insurgents.
Why bring up India?
Pakistan claims India backs TTP and Baloch militants via Afghanistan. India denies it.

A Taliban fighter takes a position near the Afghanistan-Pakistan border in Khost. AFP FILE

Action against Pak-Taliban

Pakistan forces killed 22 fighters belonging to the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Tuesday, PTI reports. "The troops engaged the khawarij location and after an intense fire exchange, 22 khawarij were killed," Pakistan Army said.

One woman killed by family member every 10 minutes: UN

NEW YORK, PTI: One woman or girl is killed by a partner or family member almost every 10 minutes, an average of 137 every day, according to new data released by the UN.

In its report released on Monday, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and UN Women said that femicide continues to take the lives of tens of thousands of women and girls worldwide, with no sign of real progress.

"Last year, 83,000 women and girls were killed intentionally. Of them, 60% – 50,000 women and girls – were killed at the hands of intimate partners or family members," the report said.

This means one woman or girl is killed by a partner or family member almost every 10 minutes – an average of 137 every day, it said.

In contrast, just 11 per cent of male homicides were perpetrated by intimate partners or family members during the same year, it added.

"The home remains a dangerous and sometimes lethal place for too many women and girls around the world," said John Brandolino, acting Executive Director of UNODC.

Brandolino stresses the need for better prevention strategies and criminal justice responses to femicide, ones that account for the conditions that propagate this extreme form of violence.

Sarah Hendriks, Director of UN Women's Policy Division, highlighted the threat of online violence.

WORLD AT A GLANCE

Leonardo Da Vinci's painting "tete de sainte Anne" is on display at the Bonnat-Helleu Museum before its reopening after 14 years of renovations in Bayonne, France, on Tuesday. AFP

Sheikh Hasina's party announces nationwide protests till Nov 30

▸ Bangladesh's ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League party on Tuesday announced nationwide agitations till November 30 in protest against the death sentence handed to the former premier by what it described as an "illegal" tribunal, PTI reports from Dhaka.

On November 17, the International Crimes Tribunal sentenced 78-year-old Hasina to death along with then home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal on charges of committing "crimes against humanity" after a trial held in absentia. Hasina is currently in India, while Kamal is also believed to be hiding in the country. In a post on its social media account, the Awami League alleged that the verdict was part of a political "conspiracy" by the Muhammad Yunus-led interim government to keep Hasina and the party "out of the election" scheduled for February next year.

Woman found alive in coffin

▸ A woman in Thailand shocked temple staff when she started moving in her coffin after being brought in for cremation, AP/PTI reports from Bangkok.

A Buddhist temple in Nonthaburi near Bangkok posted a video showing a woman in a white coffin slightly moving, leaving staff shocked. Temple officials said the woman's brother had brought the 65-year-old from Phitsanulok for cremation. He said she had been bedridden for two years and had appeared to stop breathing two days earlier.

Ukraine backs 'essence' of peace deal with Russia

Ukrainian official says a deal could be days away

WASHINGTON/KYIV, REUTERS

Ukraine on Tuesday signalled support for the framework of a peace deal with Russia but stressed that sensitive issues would need to be settled at a meeting between President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and US President Donald Trump.

Kyiv's message suggested that an intense diplomatic push by the Trump administration may be yielding some progress, though any optimism could prove short-lived, especially as Russia insisted it would not allow any agreement to drift far from its own objectives.

US and Ukrainian negotiators held talks on the latest US-backed peace plan in Geneva on Sunday. US Army Secretary Dan Driscoll then met Russian officials in Abu Dhabi on Monday and Tuesday, a spokesperson for Driscoll said. US and Ukrainian officials have been attempting to narrow differences over the plan to end Europe's deadliest and most destructive conflict since the Second World War, with Ukraine wary of being pressured into accepting terms largely aligned with the Kremlin's interests, including territorial concessions.

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is expected to visit the United States in the coming days to finalise the deal with President Donald Trump. AFP FILE

"Ukraine — after Geneva — supports the framework's essence, and some of the most sensitive issues remain points for discussion between the presidents," a Ukrainian official said. Zelenskyy could visit the United States in the coming days to finalise a deal with Trump, Ukraine's national security chief Rustem Umerov said, although no such trip has been confirmed by the US side.

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said on X that, over the past week, the US had made "tremendous progress towards a peace deal by bringing both Ukraine and Russia to the table". She added: "There are a few delicate, but not insurmountable, details that must be sorted out and will require further talks."

Underlining the stakes for Ukraine, its capital Kyiv was hit overnight by a barrage of missiles and hundreds of drones in a Russian strike that killed seven people.

Israel denies Netanyahu delayed India trip over security

JERUSALEM, PTI: Israel on Tuesday dismissed media reports claiming that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has postponed his planned visit to India due to security concerns, saying the Israeli leader has "full confidence" in India's security apparatus and that both sides are coordinating new dates for the trip.

The Israeli PM's office in a social media post said, "Israel's bond with India, and between Prime Minister Netanyahu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is very strong." "The PM has full confidence in India's security under PM Modi, and teams are already coordinating a new visit date," it said.

A section of Israeli media had earlier reported that Netanyahu, who was scheduled to visit New Delhi in December for his first official trip to India since 2018, postponed the visit due to security concerns following the terror attack in Delhi earlier this month.

Informed sources here told PTI that the reports were "speculative" and "misleading", adding that efforts were underway to finalise mutually convenient dates for Netanyahu's visit.

Trump to make state visit to China next year

WASHINGTON, AP/PTI: President Donald Trump said that he has accepted an invitation from Chinese leader Xi Jinping to visit Beijing in April and that he reciprocated by inviting Xi for a state visit to the US later next year.

Trump made the announcement after he spoke with Xi by phone nearly a month after the two leaders met in person in South Korea, saying they discussed issues including Ukraine, fentanyl and purchases of American soybeans.

"Our relationship with China is extremely strong!" Trump wrote in a Truth Social post.

Israel to take in 5,800 Jews from Northeast India

JERUSALEM, PTI

Israel's government has approved a proposal to bring all the remaining 5,800 Jews from India's north-eastern region, commonly referred to as Bnei Menashe, over the next five years.

The Government of Israel on Sunday approved a "significant, wide-scale initiative" to complete the Aliyah (immigration) of the Bnei Menashe community from northeastern India, the Jewish Agency for Israel said.

"This historic decision will bring approximately 5,800 members of the community to Israel by 2030, including 1,200 already approved in 2026," it said. It will be the first time that the Jewish Agency will be leading the entire pre-immigration process - eligibility interviews together with the Chief Rabbinate of Israel, the Conversion Authority, and the Population and Immigration Authority - organising the flights for eligible candidates and managing their absorption in Israel.

Members of the Bnei Menashe community in Manipur. SHAVEI

The plan is estimated to require a special budget of 90 million shekels (USD 27 million) to cover the costs of the flights of these immigrants, their conversion classes, housing, Hebrew lessons, and other special benefits. It was presented to the cabinet by Immigration and Integration Minister Ofir Sofer.

A professional and expanded delegation of rabbis is likely to leave for India in the coming days. "It will be the largest delegation sent to date and the first in more than a decade," the announcement read.

Public Works Department, Chikkaballapur Division, Chikkaballapur
Invitation for Tender (I.F.T) No.12/2025-26 Date: 20.11.2025
(For Stadium /Building / Road maintenance /construction Works – As per standard Bid Document KW 1,2,3,4 in two cover system)
On behalf of The Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the undersigned invite tenders for works in two cover system through KPP Portal from eligible contractors registered in PWD. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders till Date:27.11.2025, 01.12.2025 and 03.12.2025 up to 04:00 pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during hours on works days or from websites https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Chikkaballapur.

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Bid No. BMRCL/2025-26/BR/WORK_INDENT121 Date: 26.11.2025
TENDER NOTIFICATION
BMRCL invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for **"Petty Repair works in Reach 4B of Line-2 under SSM Department".** The work details can be obtained from the procurement website. The Tender documents can be obtained and submitted **on or before 25-12-2025 upto 15:00 hrs.** Further details can be obtained from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Director (O&M)

Urban Development Authorities and Town and Country Planning Commissionerate
M.S. Building, Gate-4, P.B. No. 5257, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-560001.
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No.: UDA/DTCP/C(4)/E-Tender/2025 Date: 25.11.2025
Short Term Tender Notice (Only through e-Procurement Portal)
Tenders are invited from authorized agencies through e-procurement portal in two-envelope format for the purchase of Supply & Installation of All in one PCs, Laptop, Printers & Scanners at the office of the Commissioner, Urban Development Authorities and Urban and Rural Commissionerate, Bangalore, Gate No: 04, Ambedkar Veedhi, Multi-Storey Building, Bangalore-560001. The tender has been published in the e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on **25.11.2025.**
1) Date of floating Tender on KPPP Portal : 25.11.2025. **2)** Query Submission last date: **29.11.2025 upto 05:00 pm. 3)** Pre-bid meeting : **Date 03.12.2025 at 03.00 pm. 4)** Last date of submission of bid through e-procurement portal: **11.12.2025 upto 05:30 pm. 5)** Opening of Technical bids on E-Procurement Portal : **13.12.2025 at 04:00 pm. 6)** Opening of Financial bids on E-Procurement Portal Will be intimated to the shortlisted / technically qualified Bidders.
Place of opening of bids-Tender inviting Authority, Urban Development Authorities and Town and Country Planning Commissionerate, Bangalore-560001.
Sd/-
Tender inviting authority,
Urban Development Authorities and Town and Country Planning Commissionerate Bangalore.
DIPR/CP/JA/4022/2025-26

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Haveri.
Email: eeprednhvr@gmail.com Tel No. 08375-232454
E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
This office letter No.31/EE/PREDn/HVR/PB-1&2/Tender/2025-26/4798 Dated: 21-11-2025
On 21-11-2025 through Karnataka Publi Procurement Portal Tender Notification has been issued for the following work Indent No. 19834IIA 19969 19978 20014 20015 20552 20556ST 20560 20595 19608/Call-2 19610/Call-2 19947/Call-3 20870SC 19768 19838IIA 19840I 19920 19962 19965I 19970 19980 20002 20007 20010 20242IIA 20463 20467 20505 20525SC 20527 20528IIA 20530 20532IIA 20536SC 20543SC 20548 20561 20566SC 20592ST 20599 20600SC 20608SC 20614SC 20622 20620ST 20683 20474 (1,2 & 3 Call) Last date for submission of tender receipt is assigned on Dated:29-11-2025 (upto 4:00 PM). For further additional information, any changes & queries visit http://www.kppp.karnatak.gov.in.
dipr/hvr/521/2025-26
Sd/- Executive Engineer
P.R.E. Division, Haveri

Government of Karnataka
MINOR IRRIGATION AND GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Chikkaballapura
Land Line : 08156-295427, Fax : 08156-295427
E-Mail –eemidcbpura@gmail.com
No : EE/MID/Cbpur/TA/PQ Tender Notification/ 2019/2025-26, Date: 25/11/2025.
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 18/2025-26/DTD: 25/11/2025
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Chikkaballapura has invited tenders for eligible bidders through KPP-Procurement for the work in one cover system for the 01 number of work. The tender procedure as per Rule of KTPP Act and standard tender document KW-6 shall be followed. Scheduled tender processing fees as per KPP-Portal procedure. Downloading tender documents through **KPP-Portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** starts from Dt: 25/11/2025 04:30 PM. Last date of uploading PQ tender documents upto Dt: 12/12/2025 04:30 PM. **Pre bid meeting Date:05/12/2025 @11:00 AM at Office of the Superintending Engineer office, M. I. & GWD, Jayanagar 4th block BDA complex, 3rd floor, Bengaluru.** Opening of technical bid Dt: 15/12/2025 @ 11:00 AM. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to make any changes in above details in future if needed. For more details can be obtained from the office of the under signed on all working days during office hours and also through website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without giving any reason.
Executive Engineer
Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Chikkaballapura.

IN THE COURT OF XCI ADDL, CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AND SPECIAL COURT OF KPIDFE ACT 2004, AT BENGALURU (CCH-92)
MISC. No. 1141/2025
BETWEEN: The Special Officer & Competent Authority for IMA & Other KPID Cases, Office at: 3rd Floor, Mini V.V. Tower, Podium Block, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru - 560 001. Represented by its Competent Authority Sri. Amlan Aditya Biswas, Competent Authority and special Officer for M/s Shruthi Souhardha Pattina Sahakara Niyamitha Aged 56 years
.....PETITIONER
AND
M/s. Shruthi Souhardha Pattina
Sahakari Niyamitha and Shrushruthi Souhardha Pattina Sahakari Niyamitha and its entities., and others
...RESPONDENT'S
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT No. 3
3. Mr. Prashanth
Aged major Secretary M/s: Shrushruthi Education Trust
No. 68, Shrushruthi Nagar, Andhrahalli main Road, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560091
Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petition under section 5(2) of the KPIDFE Act 2004 and against the Respondents.
The Respondent No. 3 is hereby issued show cause notice U/s 12(1) of KPIDFE Act 2004 and notice on IA No. 1 under section 5 of the Limitation Act., to appear in court of the XCI Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge (CCH-92) at Bengaluru, in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to above petition on **18th December 2025 at 11.00 A.M.,** in the forenoon.
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the date above mentioned petition will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this **17th November 2025.**
By order of the Court,
Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru
Sri Satish V., Special Public Prosecutor.
DIPR/CP/4015/Zen/2025-26

New labour code may reduce take-home salary: Analysts

DE-CODING WORKFORCE

- **64.3%** India's social- security coverage of the workforce in 2025, rising all the way from 19% in 2015
- **80-85%** Expected social security coverage in 2-3 years, following new regulations
- **~44 crore** People working in India's unorganised sector
- **~31 crore** Unorganised workers registered under e-shram portal
- **60.4%** Share of formal workers in India, out of total workforce

Contribution towards statutory benefits may increase

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The new labour code, which came into effect from November 21, is likely to result in lower take-home pay for many employees as the requirement to ensure that the basic salary makes up at least 50% of the total cost-to-company (CTC) would prompt employers to restructure pay packages, analysts said.

"The take-home salary may reduce as the retirement benefits will increase along with wage as the code mandated that basic salary will be at least 50% of CTC," SBI Research said in a note on Tuesday.

According to analysts, contributions towards retirement benefit schemes like gratuity and provident fund (PF) are likely to increase under the new laws. Normally, PF and gratuity are calculated as a certain percentage of basic salary. The increase in basic salary will lead to higher contributions to the retirement benefits, leading to reduction in take home pay if the CTC remains the same.

The Centre has notified four new labour codes replacing 29 labour-related Central laws, which were largely framed during the British colonial period. The new regulations push for formalisation of labour and enhanced social security.

As per the International Labour Organisation, India's social-security coverage increased from 19% of the workforce in 2015 to 64.3% in 2025.

SBI Research said that the new regulations are likely to push the social security coverage of workers in India to 80-85% in the next two-three years.

"In India, approx 44 crore people work in the unorganised sector, out of whom, around 31 crore unorganised workers are registered under the e-shram portal. By assuming 20% will shift from informal payroll to formal payroll, it will benefit around 10 crore beneficiaries," it said.

"Though the new codes will escalate the cost of operation for the employers, it will reduce compliance burden, substantially," it added. The Industrial Relations Code, 2020, has reduced the number of rules to 51 from 105, forms to 18 from 37, and registers to zero from 3.

"For too long, land and labour, the two critical factors of productivity, have been shackled by archaic and burdensome regulations. This reform has liberated labour to a large extent," said Rishi Agrawal, Co-founder & CEO, TeamLease RegTech.

"The reform eases the regulatory cholesterol by reducing recordkeeping requirements by as high as 70%. It also promises to reduce deeply entrenched criminality for procedural contraventions by as high as 80%," Agrawal added.

The new regulations are likely to give a push to formalisation of labour. As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey data released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, the share of formal workers in India is estimated to be 60.4% of the total workforce.

"We estimate a 15.1% increase in the formalisation rate post the implementation of 4 labour codes pushing labour market formalisation to 75.5%," SBI Research said.

India's seafood exports up despite US tariffs: Goyal

Diversification of markets helped exporters

NEW DELHI, DHNS

Piyush Goyal

India's seafood exports rose to $4.82 billion in the April-October period of the current financial year, from $4.21 billion recorded in the corresponding period of the previous year, despite a steep 50% tariff imposed by the US, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday.

Addressing reporters after the 'Board of Trade' meeting, Goyal said diversification of markets, especially to the EU, helped the Indian seafood exporters keep the growth momentum.

After over nine years of negotiation, the EU recently approved 102 Indian fishery establishments for export from India to EU member countries. The EU had banned seafood imports from India over quality concerns. The EU's action to lift the ban came at a time when the livelihood of India seafood exporters were at huge risk, following imposition of tariffs by the US.

Effective from August 27, the Trump administration has imposed 50% tariffs on imports of most Indian products, including seafood. The high tariffs have led to a sharp decline in India's shipment to the US.

Besides the EU nations, India's shipment of seafood has also jumped to countries like China, Russia, Canada, Vietnam, and the UK.

Goyal claimed that India's overall exports remain resilient despite the US tariffs and other global challenges.

The minister said India's merchandise trade in the April-October period of the current financial year was higher compared with the corresponding period of the previous year.

HCLTech inks pact with AWS

BENGALURU, DHNS: HCLTech has inked a pact with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to accelerate innovation in financial services through AI-powered solutions. "Financial institutions face pressure to modernise systems, deliver exceptional customer experiences, meet sustainability requirements, and struggle with legacy infrastructure, siloed data, and complex regulatory requirements. Our pact with AWS addresses these challenges," said HCLTech Chief Growth Officer and Global Head of Financial Services Srinivasan Seshadri.

Salesforce India revenue up 47%

BENGALURU, DHNS: Salesforce India has posted a 47% y-o-y growth in its revenue at Rs 13,384.5 crore for the financial year ending March 31, 2025, according to its regulatory filing with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs' Registrar of Companies. Driven by strong customer demand for data-driven and AI-powered solutions, India remains one of Salesforce's fastest-growing markets globally.

Salesforce now has an employee base of over 14,000 across Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Pune, and Jaipur.

Indian economy to cross $4 t in FY2026, says CEA

NEW DELHI, PTI

Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran on Tuesday said the size of Indian economy is expected to cross $4 trillion in current fiscal.

He said with the geopolitics in a "huge state of flux", economic growth is very vital prerequisite to maintain India's standing and leverage in the global scheme of things.

India currently is the fifth largest economy in the world, with a GDP of around $3.9 trillion.

V Anantha Nageswaran

Speaking at the IVCA Green Returns Summit 2025, Nageswaran said the Indian economy is already sort of crossing the $4-trillion mark, in the course of the current financial year, from $3.9 trillion at the end of March 2025.

"So, whatever we do with respect to greening the economy, energy transition, environment, dealing with climate change and climate volatility have to be aligned with our priorities, both in the near term and the medium term," he said.

Nageswaran said the country is well-aware of the potential consequences of global warming and climate change and more generally for agriculture environment, and coastlines, etc. "That is why we as a country are committed to achieving net zero by 2070," he added.

SCI Semiconductors keen to set up GCC in B'luru, says Patil

BENGALURU, DHNS: UK-based SCI Semiconductors has expressed interest in establishing its Global Capability Centre (GCC) in Bengaluru. The state government has assured full support for the company's proposed investment and future collaboration. This move is expected to pave the way for the local manufacture of hardware-secured microprocessors essential for computer-security applications, Industries Minister MB Patil said.

MB Patil

The minister, who is currently on an official visit to the UK, held separate meetings with senior leadership from SCI Semiconductors, Weir Group, Latos Data Centre, Samco Holdings, and ARM Semiconductors, to explore investment and expansion opportunities.

Speaking about the discussions, Patil noted that ARM Semiconductors' second-largest global office is located in Bengaluru and forms part of the Austin-Bengaluru-California (ABC) network. The company is now looking to expand collaboration across its global centres, and is keen on establishing another office in Bengaluru.

Samco Holdings has shown interest in investing in Karnataka's renewable energy, ethanol production and battery manufacturing sectors. Meanwhile, Latos Data Centre expressed interest in setting up an AI incubation centre in Bengaluru.

Patil said the delegation highlighted the priority being accorded to these sectors under the upcoming KWIN City project. The companies were also briefed on the potential for establishing data centres related to renewable energy and infrastructure development in Karnataka.

Weir Group, which has made a mark in the mining, minerals and industrial sectors, already operates a manufacturing unit near Bengaluru and is exploring further expansion. Patil assured that the state government would extend all necessary support under Karnataka's new industrial policy.

Those who participated in the discussions included Hayden Povey, CEO of SCI Semiconductors; Jack O'Brien, head of Weir Group; Mike Carlin (Founder), Ram Shankar and Harinder Dhaliwal from Latos; Sampath Kumar Mallya (Chairman), Ashwin Sampathkumar (Director) and Vaidyanathan Nateshan (CEO) from Samco Holdings; and Peter Stephens representing ARM Semiconductors.

The Karnataka government delegation accompanying the minister includes Selvakumar, Principal Secretary, Department of Industries; Gunjan Krishna, Commissioner for Industries; and Doddabasavaraju, Managing Director, Karnataka Udyog Mitra.

Adani Enterprises opens one of India's largest rights issues

NEW DELHI, PTI: Adani Enterprises Ltd on Tuesday launched subscriptions for one of India's largest rights issues, offering shares at Rs 1,800 apiece, a discount of roughly 24% to the approval date price.

Total size of the issue (assuming full uptake) is Rs 24,930.30 crore through the issuance of over 13.85 crore new shares, according to the company's rights issue filing. The issue closes on December 10.

Under the issue, three rights equity shares for every 25 existing fully-paid equity shares held are being offered.

The offer is open to eligible shareholders, with promoters confirming they will subscribe to their entitlement. At the issue price, the conglomerate's flagship firm would command a valuation of nearly Rs 2 lakh crore.

Analysts peg the value of Adani Enterprises' airports business between Rs 2 lakh crore and Rs 2.5 lakh crore, with some estimates extending to Rs 3 lakh crore.

Proceeds from the issue will fund next-gen infra projects across airports, data centres, green hydrogen, roads, PVC and copper smelting, along with metals, mining, digital and media ventures under incubation.

Gold climbs to Rs 1.28L/10 grams

NEW DELHI, PTI: Gold prices climbed Rs 3,500 to Rs 1,28,900 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday amid fresh buying by local jewellers and retailers for the wedding festivities, according to All India Sarafa Association.

Snapping its three-day losing streak, the precious metal of 99.5% purity appreciated by Rs 3,500 to Rs 1,28,300 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes).

Silver prices also witnessed buying interest. The white metal soared by Rs 5,800 to Rs 1,60,800 per kg (inclusive of all taxes).

Traders said demand from local jewellers has picked up for the wedding season.

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No: KUDA/CA Allot/Notification/3/2025-26 Date: 21-11-2025

-: TIME EXTENSION NOTIFICATION OF CA SITES :-

The notification for the allocation of available CA (Civic Amenity) plots in private layouts approved by the Kalaburagi Urban Development Authority was issued on 04-11-2025. In accordance with the said notification, the following extension notification has been issued. The Honorable President has requested that government/semi-government/public organizations take advantage of this.

Particulars	Already Published	Read As
Application issued dated	05-11-2025 to 19-11-2025	21-11-2025 to 29-11-2025
Last Date of Submission of Applications	20-11-2025	01-12-2025 up to 5.30 PM

Further details can be sought from the KUDA Kalaburagi during the office hours.

Sd/- Commissioner
DIPR/Kalaburagi/770/KSMC&A/2025-26 Urban Development Authority Kalaburagi

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NOTIFICATION

I. It is proposed to empanel Law Firms to the Bangalore Development Authority.

The scope and nature of professional work by the empaneled Law Firms shall be as detailed hereunder :-

1. The Empaneled Law Firms will handle complex, high-exposure legal matters, including: Litigation: Representing BDA before the Supreme Court of India, High Court of Karnataka, District Courts, and various Statutory/Quasi-Judicial Tribunals.
2. Advisory: Providing formal legal opinions and advice on high-stake issues, specifically: Land Acquisition and Property Disputes.
3. Major Real Estate Development and Urban Planning Regulations. Statutory Contracts (e.g., PPPs, MoUs) and matters involving significant financial exposure.
4. Drafting & Vetting: Preparing and reviewing critical legal documents, including intricate conveyances, development agreements, and large-scale land matter documentation.
5. Regulatory & Compliance: Advising on State and Central government notifications and large-scale tendering processes.
6. ADR: Representing BDA in Arbitration and Mediation proceedings.

II. Eligibility and Qualification Criteria :

1. Firm Structural Requirements
2. Firm's Age: Must have been in continuous legal practice for at least ten (10) years.
3. Primary Office: The main or registered office must be in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
4. Geographical Reach: The firm must also possess a regional or associate office in New Delhi to manage Supreme Court and Central Authority matters.
5. Registration: Must possess a valid Professional Registration Certificate and a valid PAN (Permanent Account Number).

Integrity: The firm and its partners must not be blacklisted, debarred, or suspended by any government or statutory authority. (Self-declaration required).

B. Experience Requirements:

Supreme Court Experience: The firm must prove continuous practice before the Supreme Court of India for at least the last five (5) years.

Proof requires documentation (Vakalathnamas, Orders, or Judgments) from at least two (2) distinct cases.

Corporate Representation (High Exposure):

Must show engagement with at least three (3) large Corporations, PSUs, or Financial Institutions in the last five years.

Proof requires a brief note detailing the client name, period of engagement, and the nature of work done (e.g., commercial litigation, real estate due diligence).

Government Experience:

Must be empaneled / engaged with at least three (3) Government Departments, Statutory Authorities, or Urban Development Bodies in Karnataka in the last ten years.

Lead Counsel Credentials (Mandatory):

The designated Senior Partner/Lead Advocate must have minimum twenty (20) years of enrollment with the Karnataka State Bar Council.

The Lead Advocate must have minimum twenty (20) years of continuous practice before the High Court of Karnataka.

Team Composition: At least one Advocate on the team must be proficient in both Kannada and English.

III. Submission and Mandatory Documentation

Firm Status: Professional Registration Certificate, PAN, Trademark Certificate (if applicable).

Proof of office existence in Bengaluru and New Delhi.

Self-Declaration/Affidavit on non-blacklisting.

Supreme Court Proof: Vakalathnamas, Certified Orders, or Judgments from at least two (2) distinct SC cases supporting 5 years of practice.

High Court Proof: Lead Counsel's Bar Council Registration Certificate. Supporting documents (2 orders, judgments, or Vakalathnamas) establishing 20 years of practice.

Corporate Work Proof: A brief note detailing client names, work provided (real estate/ litigation), and period of empanelment/engagement for three large Corporations/PSUs. Govt. Empanelment. Copies of formal Empanelment Orders/Letters from at least three Government Bodies/Authorities in Karnataka (last 10 years).

Counsel Details: Detailed CV of the Lead Counsel and details of the Advocate proficient in Kannada and English.

4. Tenure and Engagement Terms:

Period of Empanelment: The initial term is three (3) years, extendable based on performance review.

Sd/- Chief Law Officer, BDA, Bengaluru

NEW AVATAR

Tata drives into mid-sized SUV segment with Sierra

MUMBAI, PTI

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd expects contribution of SUVs to its overall sales to go beyond 70% with it foraying into the fast-growing mid-sized segment with a premium positioning of its Sierra model, according to its Managing Director & CEO, Shailesh Chandra.

At an industry level, the percentage of SUVs to overall passenger vehicle sales is likely to stabilise between 55% and 60% with GST 2.0 helping non-SUV segments grow, but it remains to be seen if the growth momentum going forward can be maintained and how many new models are launched in those segments, Chandra said.

The company is making a foray into the mid-sized SUV segment currently dominated by the likes of Hyundai Creta, Kia Seltos and Maruti Suzuki Grand Vitara by bringing back the popular yesteryear brand, Sierra in a new avatar, with introductory prices starting at Rs 11.49 lakh, available in three engine options — two petrol and one diesel. The electric version of the Sierra will be launched in the next financial year.

"I believe that it can take us to over 70%," Chandra said, when asked how the Sierra could enhance SUV contribution to the company's overall sales. At present, he said it is around 65-70%.

In October this year, the company's overall retail sales were at 75,352 units, 13.52% from 66,903 units in the same month last year, as per FADA data.

"Post GST 2.0, I think the compact SUV segment and sub-compact SUV segment really went up in volume significantly. Since we were the market leaders in this segment with Nexon and Punch, it gave us the boost that we were waiting for," Chandra said.

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles MD & CEO Shailesh Chandra unveils the new SUV, Sierra, in Mumbai on Tuesday. PTI

On top of that, he said, "With Sierra's strong value proposition, depending on how much volume we get, definitely it will mean a massive ramp-up from where we were operating at 45,000 (units a month), I think we have done our homework."

Chandra also said overall, the company is looking at enhancing its reach to 80% of the passenger vehicles market from the current 55%. It will look to fill gaps by entering new segments and expanding product range, while also working to introduce all-wheel drive mechanisms in future models, besides the Sierra.

"When we were reimagining this in its new avatar, we said, we have to build this fusion of originality by making it resemble what original Sierra stands for, but making it very modern, also to be relevant to Gen Y and Gen Z," Chandra said.

The company decided to position it in the mid-size segment which "is becoming the sweet spot of the market, because the footprint is just good enough to give a very spacious format" and provided a next level tech-stack such as three screen infotainment system, 5G connectivity and level two-plus ADAS (Advanced driver-assistance systems) in order to appeal to the Gen Y and Gen Z "who live a very digital life", he added.

Bookings of the Sierra starts from December 16 and deliveries will start on January 15, 2026.

IN BRIEF

Anglo Indian wallop ITC 9-0

▸ Aakash scored a hat-trick as Anglo Indian slammed nine goals past toothless ITC in the latest round of matches of the KSHA 'C' Division Hockey League Championship in Bengaluru on Tuesday, reports DHNS.

Results: Anglo Indian: 9 (Ganesh 15th; Sheraton 18th, 36th; Aakask 26th, 29th, 43rd; Mervyn D 33rd; Zol Ton 37th; Rishik 44th) bt ITC: 0; Germanite HA:4 (Roshan 10th, 12th; Karan 23rd; Naeem 34th) bt IISC, Gymkhana Club: 3 (Sidharth Tripati 16th, 36th; Dhanpal Bairwa 45th).

Parikrma League returns

▸ The Parikrma Champions League (PCL) 2025 returns this month with 16 school teams from across India set to compete for the Equality Cup at the Bangalore Football Stadium from Nov 27 to 29, reports DHNS.

State women's hockey trials

▸ Hockey Karnataka will hold selection trials for the State Sub Junior Women's team ahead of the South Zone ASMITA Sub Junior Women Hockey Championship -- to be held in Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh -- from December 26 to 30, reports DHNS. Players born on or after January 1, 2009, are eligible to participate. The trials will take place on December 1 at the Field Marshal KM Cariappa Hockey Arena in Bengaluru from 9.30 am onwards.

India shoot 16 medals

▸ India wrapped up their Deaflympics shooting campaign with a massive haul of 16 medals on Tuesday, reports PTI from Tokyo.

K'taka too good for Chandigarh

BENGALURU, DHNS: Saloni P picked up an economical three-for as Karnataka posted a comfortable seven-wicket win over Chandigarh in their elite Group C match of the BCCI's under-23 Women's T20 Trophy at the Chaudhry Bansi Lal Cricket Stadium in Lahli on Tuesday.

Batting first, Chandigarh scored just 91 runs in 20 overs, with Saloni (3/15) playing the starring role.

Brief scores: Chandigarh: 91/7 in 20 overs (Gulnaaz 35 n.o.; Saloni P 3-15) lt to Karnataka: 92/3 in 17.2 overs (Roshini Kiran 34, Prerana GR 36 n.o.; Tarunika 2-12).

India B edge Afghanistan

BENGALURU, DHNS: Vedant Trivedi held the innings together with a steady 102-ball 83 to guide India B to a dramatic two-wicket win over Afghanistan in the U-19 Tri-Series on Tuesday. His knock proved vital in steering the team through.

The result marked India B's first victory of the tournament after three consecutive losses; two to Afghanistan and one to India A.

Brief scores: Afghanistan: 202/9 in 50 overs (Uzairullah Niazai 96; D Deepesh 2-38, Rohit Das 2-29, BK Kishore 3-19) lt to India B: 206/8 in 48.1 overs (Aaron George 42, Vedant Trivedi 83, BK Kishore 29 n.o.; Salam Khan 2-53, Khatir Stanikzai 2-36, Nazifullah Amiri 3-32)

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CRICKET

2nd Test: India vs South Africa **(day 5, 9 am)**. **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network.**

Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy: Saurashtra vs Tripura, Mumbai vs Railways, J&K vs Maharashtra **(all at 11 am)**. **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network & JioHotstar.**

FOOTBALL

Champions League: Pafos vs Monaco **(11:15 pm)**, Olympiacos vs Real Madrid, Liverpool vs PSV, Arsenal vs Bayern Munich **(all at 1:30 am, Thursday)**. **LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network.**

HOCKEY

Sultan Azlan Shah Cup: Canada vs New Zealand **(1:30 pm)**, Korea vs Belgium **(3:30 pm)**, India vs Malaysia **(5:30 pm)**. **LIVE** on **FanCode.**

CRICKET SECOND TEST

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE awaits Indians

South Africa look to break 25-year duck on the final day

MADHU JAWALI
GUWAHATI, DHNS

South Africa's Tristan Stubbs scored a brilliant 94 to help the visitors set India a massive 549-run target at the ACA Stadium in Guwahati on Tuesday. PTI

India's chances of saving the second Test and salvaging pride appeared to fade as rapidly as the sun sets in this part of the country. Needing to bat about 95 overs to secure a draw -- the win was out of question after South Africa declared their second innings at 260/5 and set an improbable target of 549 -- India finished the fourth and penultimate day of the second Test at 27/2 in 15.5 overs here at the ACA Stadium on Tuesday.

Both the India openers were back in the hut by the 10th over while Sai Sudharsan (2 n.o.) and nightwatchman Kuldeep Yadav (4 n.o.) would resume batting on Wednesday's final day with 522 runs in arrears.

To rub salt into India's wounds, South African coach Shukri Conrad, addressing the media later, invoked Tony Grieg's infamous "grovel" remark in 1976 aimed at Clive Lloyd's West Indies and said: "We really wanted them (India) grovel."

The statement won't go down well with the BCCI, but will the Indian team show the same resolve as the West Indies and draw the match from here?

While a draw will still not prevent them from losing another home series, it will certainly restore some respect for the team.

Coming back to India's second innings, Yashasvi Jaiswal has employed the cut, which comes with a certain amount of risk, to gather a significant amount of runs in his fledgling career. But it has cost him his wicket in recent times. For the second time in this match, the southpaw fell to an attempted cut, only managing an edge to wicketkeeper Kyle Verreynne.

KL Rahul's dismissal was an even bigger blow to India's hopes of a draw for he is the only other batter in this line-up, apart from Washington Sundar and Ravindra Jadeja, who can bat time. Simon Harmer, however, cut short his stay with a beautiful delivery. The off-spinner tossed one up to draw Rahul for a front-foot defence but the ball landed a touch slower and turned sharply to bowl the right-hander through the gate and brought South Africa closer to a rare Test series win.

South Africa, overnight 26/0 and already enjoying a cushion of 314, didn't show any urgency on fourth day's resumption even as Jadeja (4/62) and Washington (1/67) purchased some appreciable turn. Ryan Rickelton (35) and Aiden Markram (29), however, survived some anxious moments extending the overnight stand to 59 before Jadeja struck first of his four wickets with Rickelton's intended drive failing to clear Mohammed Siraj at cover. The veteran bowler soon castled Markram with a classic left-arm spinner's stock ball, the ball gripping, turning in and beating the defences of the forward-pressing right-hander.

With a lead of 362 and still eight wickets in hand, South Africa weren't particularly in danger but it was understandable as to why they wanted to bat first till lunch and then beyond. Their first priority was obviously to shut India out of the match and secure the series win that was coming their way after a gap of 25 years in India. Tristan Stubbs (96) and Tony de Zorzi (49) added 101 runs for the fourth wicket while another 82 runs came between Stubbs and Wiaan Mulder (35 n.o.) taking their lead past 500. Their first mission accomplished after all their batters, barring skipper Temba Bavuma, made notable contributions, the visitors waited for Stubbs to complete his century.

Needing 40 runs at the resumption of the final session, the right-hander stepped on the accelerator and was one hit away from his third Test hundred but had his off-stump pegged back when he missed the ball while attempting a slog off Jadeja.

Expectedly, the declaration came immediately after his dismissal with India needing to negotiate 18 overs for the day. With fading light causing another early finish, India batted less than 16 but they were enough for Proteas to make inroads.

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA (I Innings): 489
INDIA (I Innings): 201
SOUTH AFRICA (II Innings; O/n: 26/0):
Rickelton c Siraj b Jadeja 35 (64b, 4x4)
Markram b Jadeja 29 (84b, 3x4)
Stubbs b Jadeja 94 (180b, 9x4, 1x6)
Bavuma c Nitish b Washington 3 (11b)
De Zorzi lbw Jadeja 49 (68b, 4x4, 1x6)
Mulder (not out) 35 (69b, 5x4)
Extras (B-9, NB-5, W-1) 15
Total (decl. for 5 wkts, 78.3 overs) 260
Fall of wickets: 1-59 (Rickelton), 2-74 (Markram), 3-77 (Bavuma), 4-178 (de Zorzi), 5-260 (Stubbs).
Bowling: Bumrah 6-0-22-0 (nb-1), Siraj 5-1-19-0, Jadeja 28.3-3-62-4 (nb-4), Kuldeep 12-0-48-0, Washington 22-2-67-1, Jaiswal 1-0-9-0, Nitish 4-0-24-0.
INDIA (II Innings):
Jaiswal c Verreynne b Jansen 13 (19b, 1x4, 1x6)
Rahul b Harmer 6 (30b)
Sudharsan (batting) 2 (25b)
Kuldeep (batting) 4 (22b, 1x4)
Extras (LB-1, NB-1) 2
Total (for 2 wkts, 15.5 overs) 27
Fall of wickets: 1-17 (Jaiswal), 2-21 (Rahul).
Bowling: Jansen 5-1-14-1, Mulder 4-1-6-0 (nb-1), Harmer 3.5-2-1-1, Maharaj 3-1-5-0.

Conrad courts controversy with 'grovel' statement

SA coach invokes infamous Tony Greig remark against West Indies

MADHU JAWALI
GUWAHATI, DHNS

Shukri Conrad, the South African head coach, is an articulate man with a vast knowledge of the history of the game. Throughout South Africa's stint so far in India, he has been politically correct without sounding trite. On Monday, as South Africa took giant strides towards a rare series win over India in their backyard, he lowered his guard and invoked former England skipper Tony Greig's infamous "we want to grovel them" remark targeting the visiting West Indian side in 1976.

Tony Greig's deeply insulting remark didn't go down well with Clive Lloyd's West Indies that was still carrying the scars of colonisation. Rather than intimidating the Caribbeans, it became a rallying point for the visitors and put England in their place. West Indies thrashed the home team 3-0 in the five-Test series and blanked them 3-0 in ODIs.

Conrad's timing was deliberate. India appeared broken during the second Test, trailing 1–0 in the series and staring at a deficit of 522 runs with only eight wickets remaining and a full day left to survive. A draw looked unlikely, a win nearly impossible. Yet one question loomed: would Conrad's comments inspire India to do the unthinkable?

During his post-match conversation with the media, Conrad was asked whether South Africa had waited too long to declare, having already batted India out of the match before lunch. What came next stunned a largely Indian media contingent that instantly recognised the historical weight of his words.

Shukri Conrad

According to the Oxford Dictionary, to grovel means "to show too much respect to somebody who is more important than you." Coming from Greig, a white South African–born cricketer representing England at the height of apartheid in his homeland, the phrase cut painfully deep. The West Indies players, most of them of African descent, never forgot the slight.

Conrad began his explanation calmly. "There were a few factors. We obviously look at how best we are going to use the new ball so that in the morning we still have a newish, hardish ball. We felt that when the shadows come across the wicket in the evening, there is something in it for the quick bowlers. So we did not want to declare too early and lose that advantage. And of course we wanted India to spend as much time as possible on their feet in the field."

Up to that point, everything sounded tactical and normal. Then he added a line that changed the mood in the room: "We wanted them (India) to really grovel, to steal a phrase. Bat them completely out of the game and then say to them, well, come and survive on the last day and an hour this evening."

He attempted to soften the impact, although the damage may already have been done. "We also know they are not just going to roll over. We will need to be at our very best tomorrow. Some people would say we batted for too long."

The comment, coming from Conrad, a coloured South African, and directed at a team from a nation that stood firmly against apartheid, has the potential to snowball into a major controversy that could overshadow what has so far been a friendly series.

T20 stocks look for high returns

VIGNESH BHARADWAJ
BENGALURU, DHNS

Karnataka's Mayank Agarwal will look for a good show in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy in hopes of bagging an Indian Premier League (IPL) contract. DH FILE PHOTO

Momentum is one of the most talked about things in the cricketing circles. Every team likes to pick it up along the way in any competition and while in a rough patch, they look to regain it.

In the Indian domestic scene, as the caravan now shifts to the T20s from Ranji Trophy, in-form sides will look to carry the momentum from red-ball cricket into the white.

Karnataka, who sit atop in their group with 21 points from five games, would want to do just that when their Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy (SMAT) begins against Uttarakhand in Ahmedabad on November 26.

While most players in the Karnataka squad have been retained by their respective IPL franchises, a few proven and some fresh faces without a franchise, will also look to show their worth before the mini auction on December 16.

The most notable player on the list is Mayank Agarwal, who was released by Royal Challengers Bengaluru. Shrijith KL, who is yet to make his IPL debut, was also released by Mumbai Indians. That being said, players like Macneil Noronha, Shikhar Shetty and a few Karnataka youngsters will hope to raise the roof in hopes of bagging an IPL contract.

Karnataka have been pitted in a tricky group alongside Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Saurashtra, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Tripura and Uttarakhand.

Stardust

Hardik Pandya, in Baroda colours, will be expected to make his much-awaited comeback from injury, having not played any competitive game since the Asia Cup in September.

Shardul Thakur, who was traded to Mumbai Indians from Lucknow Super Giants, will lead the defending champions Mumbai, who have also named Suryakumar Yadav, Shivam Dube, Ajinkya Rahane and Sarfaraz Khan in their ranks.

World's No. 1 T20 bowler Varun Chakravarthy will lead a sloppy Tamil Nadu side, who have dug themselves into a rabbit hole in the red-ball format.

Out-of-favour India quick Mohammed Shami, who has 20 wickets to his name in four Ranji games, has been picked for Bengal, while Vidarbha welcome veteran India pacer Umesh Yadav back into the action after a year.

The Elite Group will see 32 teams divided into four different Groups, A, B, C and D, while the Plate Group consists of six teams.

Each Elite Group team will play each other once, with the top two teams qualifying for the Super League phase, which will be followed by a final.

In the Plate Group, teams play each other once and the top two teams will qualify for the final.

The finalists will then be promoted to the Elite Group for the next season.

The Group Stage of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy will be played from November 26 to December 8, while the Super League will run from December 12 to December 16 in Indore, with the final on December 18.

India, Pakistan slotted in same T20 World Cup group, again

MUMBAI, PTI: Traditional rivals India and Pakistan have been clubbed in Group A for the Men's T20 World Cup and will play each other in Colombo's R Premadasa Stadium on February 15 next year as per the schedule unveiled here on Tuesday.

Pakistan will play all their games in Sri Lanka as per the agreement reached between the BCCI and PCB for the tournament.

Reigning champions India will open their campaign against the USA in Mumbai on February 7 before facing Namibia in Delhi on February 12.

They will then head to the Sri Lankan capital for the high-voltage clash against Pakistan before concluding their league engagements against the Netherlands in Ahmedabad on February 18.

The showpiece will be held across eight venues (five in India and three in Sri Lanka) from February 7 to March 8. The tournament will feature 55 matches in Delhi, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Mumbai, Colombo and Kandy.

ICC chairman Jay Shah made the announcement while unveiling the tournament's schedule.

GROUPS

- **Group A: India, Pakistan, USA and Namibia.**
- Group B: Australia, Sri Lanka, Ireland, Zimbabwe and Oman.
- **Group C: England, West Indies, Bangladesh, Nepal and Italy.**
- Group D: New Zealand, South Africa, Afghanistan, Canada and UAE

- **India schedule**
- Vs USA (Feb 12)
- **Vs Pakistan (Feb 15)**
- Vs Namibia (Feb 18)

Ambassador

Meanwhile, Rohit Sharma, who captained reigning champions India to glory at the previous T20 World Cup in 2024, was named the tournament ambassador.

Venues: India: Ahmedabad, New Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai. **Sri Lanka:** Colombo, Kandy.

Prasad likely to become KSCA president

BENGALURU, DHNS: Former India pacer Venkatesh Prasad is likely to be elected as the president of the Karnataka State Cricket Association after his rival candidate KN Shanth Kumar's nomination was rejected on technical grounds during the scrutiny of nominations here on Monday.

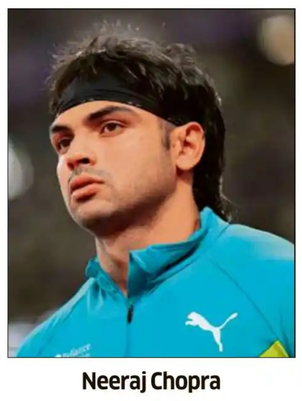
After the completion of scrutiny, which was done in the presence of candidates for various posts and Honourable Justice Subhash B Adi, the list, undersigned by Electoral Officer Dr B Basavaraaju (IAS retd), had Venkatesh Prasad and former India cricketer Kalpana Venkatacher as the two candidates for the president's post.

It has been reliably learnt that Venkatacher, who has thrown her hat in the ring for the vice-president's post also, is set to withdraw her presidential candidacy and support Prasad as part of Team Game Changers. If that happens, Prasad will be elected unopposed. The picture will become clearer on Wednesday (Nov 26), the deadline for the withdrawal of candidates. Meanwhile, former KSCA treasurer Vinay Mruthyunjaya's nomination for the all-important post of secretary too was rejected on technical grounds.

Writ petition

Meanwhile, Shanth Kumar has filed a writ petition at the High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday seeking a direction to quash the order dated 24-11-2024 by the Electoral Officer Basavaraaju.

The petition is yet to be listed for hearing.



Neeraj Chopra

India to formally get CWG 2030 hosting rights

NEW DELHI, PTI

All but assured of the hosting rights more than a month back, India's 2030 Commonwealth Games bid is set to be formally approved on Wednesday at the Commonwealth Sport's general assembly in Glasgow, marking a major milestone in the country's ambitious plan to become a global multi-sport hub.

India last hosted the Games in 2010 in Delhi but this time, the multi-sport event would be coming to Ahmedabad, a city that has upgraded its sports infrastructure in the last one decade. Wednesday's General Assembly will go through the formality of putting a seal of approval on what has already been recommended by the Commonwealth Sport's Board.

That recommendation followed a process overseen by the Commonwealth Sport's Evaluation Committee.

It assessed the candidate cities for "technical delivery, athlete experience, infrastructure, governance, and alignment with Commonwealth Sport values."

For the 2030 CWG bid, India was facing competition from the Nigerian city of Abuja. But Commonwealth Sport decided to instead consider the African nation for the 2034 edition after developing "a strategy for supporting and accelerating" its hosting ambitions. "During the Assembly, members from across the Commonwealth will take the final decision regarding the host of the Centenary Commonwealth Games in 2030, following a presentation from India, outlining their vision for the Games in Amdavad (also known as Ahmedabad).

Ashwa Changez wins North India 1000 Guineas

DELHI RESULTS

S Nawab-trained Ashwa Changez, ridden by Narendra Kumar, won the Milkfood Ltd North India 1000 Guineas, the feature event of the Delhi races on Tuesday.

1. Tiana Plate - 1600M: Attenborough (Rajinder) Yash Saini 1; Ashwa Pathan (Narendra Kumar) 2; Heer (Shivam) 3; Salam Bhai (Saurav Rawat) 4; Wb: 1-3/4, 3-3/4, 9L. T: 1:43.81. TB: Rajinder. Fav: Heer.

2. Ilahi Plate -1100M: Ashwa Kangto (Ravinder Pal Singh) AS Peter 1; Danny's Girl (Aasif Khan) 2; Nairobi (Shivam) 3; Miss Irina (Vishal) 4; Wb: 4-3/4, 3-1/4, 1-3/4L. T: 1:05.28. TB: S Nawab. Fav: Ashwa Kangto.

3. Just Gold Plate - 1200M: Vedagarbha (Rohit Gupta) Rakesh 1; Royal Baby (Dhanu Deora) 2; Jet Thunder (RN Manjhi) 3; Girl Power (Varun) 4; Wb: Nk, 1-1/2, 1-1/2L. 1:13.95. TB: VS Parmar. Fav: Vedagarbha.

4. Milkfood Ltd North India 1000 Guineas - 1400M: Ashwa Changez (Ravinder Pal Singh) Narendra Kumar 1; Havana Sky (Arjun) 2; Ashwa Jimbabe (AS Peter) 3; Equal Luxury (Imran Chisty) 4; Wb: Nk, 3/4, 1-3/4L. T: 1:29.57. TB: S Nawab. Fav: Ashwa Jimbabe.

5. Take A Risk Plae (Div I) - 1000M: Lemon Pie (Amarjeet Singh) Kundan Paswan 1; Master Tornado (Faizan Khan) 2; Euphoria (Yash Saini) 3; Ashwa Sabira (Md Talib) 4; Wb: Nk, 1-3/4, 3L. T: 1:00.49. TB: R.Kumar. Fav: Lemon Pie.

6. Take A Risk Plate (Div II) - 1000M: Maya (Vinay Kumar) Varun 1; The Mentalist (RN Manjhi) 2; Bumblebee (Rakesh) 3; Master Causeway (Faizan Khan) 4; Wb: 1-1/4, 1-1/4, 1-3/4L . T: 1-00.42. TB: K. Ali Khan. Fav: Bumblebee.

Bengaluru dividends:

I race: Rs 44w; 17, 11p; Fc: Rs 120; Q: Rs 40; Shp: Rs 23; Thp: Rs 37; Tri: Rs 85 & 25.

II race: Rs 14w; 11, 17, 16p; Fc: Rs 60; Q: Rs 41; Shp: Rs 43; Thp: Rs 33; Tri: Rs 126 & 61; Ex: Rs 185 & 105.

III race: Rs 19w; 11, 13, 13p; Fc: Rs 79; Q: Rs 41; Shp: Rs 36; Thp: Rs 29; Tri: Rs 130 & 53; Ex: Rs 267 & 199.

IV race: Rs 29w; 11, 25p; Fc: Rs 655; Q: Rs 113; Shp: Rs 44; Thp: Rs 30; Tri: Rs 205 & 44.

V race: Rs 24w; 10, 14, 16p; Fc: Rs 56; Q: Rs 29; Shp: Rs 37; Thp: Rs 41; Tri: Rs 104 & 62; Ex: Rs 414 & 340.

VI race: Rs 75w; 15, 11, 14p; Fc: Rs 152; Q: Rs 92; Shp: Rs 36; Thp: Rs 49; Tri: Rs 423 & 81; Ex: Rs 1,121 & 554.

Jackpot: Rs 4,683 (32).

Runner-up: Rs 365 (176).

Treble: Rs 518 (138).

Winter Agenda for feature

MYSURU SELECTIONS

Vinesh Naik-trained Winter Agenda, who finished close third to Knotty Blues in his last start is fancied to win the Dr MN Doreswamy Memorial Trophy, the feature event of the Mysuru races to be run over a sprint at the races on Wednesday.

The first race starts at 2:00 pm.

1. Gonikoppa Plate - 1200M: Sarvottam 1, Bundelkhand Queen 2, Davids Delight 3.

2. Pandavapura Plate - 1400M: Pette's Choice 1, Natural Queen 2, D Admiral 3.

3. Treasure's Nest Plate -1100M: Maybury 1, Indian Glory 2, The Grey Geranium 3.

4. Kakanakote Plate (Div II) - 1400M: Sapient 1, Ultimate Blues 2, Swaghatham 3.

5. Dr MN Doreswamy Memorial Trophy - 1200M: Winter Agenda 1, Ocean 2, Absolutechallenger 3.

6. Manasagangotri Plate - 1600M: Devate 1, Tigerking 2, D Roman Reigns 3.

7. Kakanakote Plate (Div I) - 1400M: Square Cut 1, Sherouk 2, Brave Trooper 3.

Day's best: Devate.

Jackpot: 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7.

I treble: 2, 3 & 4. **II treble:** 5, 6 & 7.

FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Arsenal's mightiest test

Gunners take on Bayern; Real travel to Olympiacos

MADRID, AP

It will be a battle between the top two teams in the Champions League when Bayern Munich visits Arsenal on Wednesday.

Arsenal's league-leading defense will take on Harry Kane and Bayern's highly rated attack in the fifth round of the league phase. Bayern and Arsenal each have four victories and a goal difference of 11. Bayern are ahead because they have scored 14 goals, three more than Arsenal.

Bayern's attack is led by a red-hot Kane, who has 26 goals for club and country in 19 matches. Kane has five Champions League goals, tied with Erling Haaland and Kylian Mbappe. Galatasaray's Victor Osimhen is the leader with six goals. Bayern beat Paris Saint-Germain 2-1 in the last round.

Premier League leaders Arsenal are the only team yet to concede a goal in the league phase, while Bayern — the Bundesliga leader — have been scored on three times. Bayern have won 16 of their 17 games this season, with the only setback a 2-2 draw at Union Berlin in the Bundesliga earlier this month. Arsenal are unbeaten in 15 straight matches and have 15 wins in 18 matches across all competitions.

Meanwhile, Inter Milan, the only other team with a perfect record after four rounds, visit Atletico Madrid on Wednesday to face a team that has won five in a row in all competitions since a 4-0 loss at Arsenal. Inter are coming off a 0-1 loss to rival AC Milan in the Italian league, a result that kept them from moving to first place.

Man City's 300

Fourth-place Man City host Bayer Leverkusen on Tuesday looking for their 300th goal in the Champions League proper. They are three goals shy of the mark. Haaland has scored in five straight Champions League appearances for the third time in his career. He is aiming to make it six in a row for the second time. Pep Guardiola will be in charge of his 100th Champions League match with Man City.

Meanwhile, Real Madrid visits Olympiacos, hoping to end a three-game winless streak across all competitions. Madrid drew 2-2 at Elche in the Spanish league on Sunday. They were coming off a 0-0 draw at Rayo Vallecano, and a 0-1 loss at Liverpool in the Champions League. Xabi Alonso's team had won 13 of its previous 14 matches to start the season.

Arsenal's Eberechi Eze, fresh off a hat-trick, will be looking to extend that sizzling form against Bayern Munich in the Champions League on Wednesday. REUTERS

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Madrid sit in seventh place after three wins and a loss in the league phase, while Olympiakos are near the bottom of the table with two draws and two losses.

Elsewhere, Ajax host Jose Mourinho's Benfica on Tuesday in a match between the only teams yet to earn a point in the league phase. Both clubs sit at the bottom of the table after losing four straight. Ajax are last after being outscored 14-1. Benfica have been outscored 8-2.

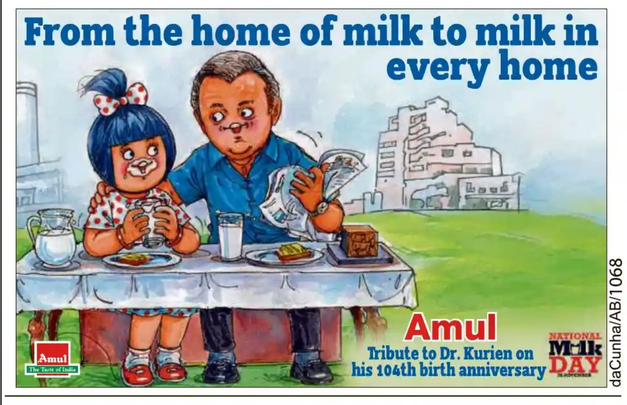
Eighth-place Liverpool will host PSV Eindhoven needing one goal to reach the 500-goal milestone in the European Cup-Champions League. Mohamed Salah is two goals away from becoming the first African player to reach 50 goals in the competition.

Schedule: Pafos vs Monaco (11: 15 PM); Copenhagen vs Kairat, Olympiacos vs Real Madrid, Sporting CP vs Club Brugge, Eintracht Frankfurt vs Atalanta, Liverpool vs PSV, Atletico Madrid vs Inter, Arsenal vs Bayern Munich, PSG vs Tottenham (all at 1:30 am, Thursday).

Everton edge United

MANCHESTER UNITED, AFP: Everton survived an astonishing moment of madness at Old Trafford on Monday when Idrissa Gueye was sent off for slapping teammate Michael Keane to beat Manchester United 1-0.

Senegal midfielder Gueye was given his marching orders by referee Tony Harrington in the 13th minute after putting his hand to Keane's face following an angry altercation.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Hitashree leads NAC sweep

BENGALURU, DHNS

Nettakallappa Aquatic Centre duo Hitashree N and Vaishanvi G dominated the girls' U-17 100m butterfly event as they grabbed the top two spots respectively on third day of the State Short Course Swimming Championships here on Tuesday.

Hitashree, who also won the silver in U-17 200m butterfly (Group III), clocked 1:07.78 seconds in the 100m butterfly final while Vaishnavi (1:11:31) finished more than three seconds behind her team-mate.

NAC swimmers had a clean medal sweep in the girls' U-12 200m freestyle final as well with Vidula R taking the top spot with a timing of 2:20.02, followed by Unnathi A Rao (2:23.46) and Nayana A Madhyastha (2:23.99).

Results (winners only unless mentioned):

Boys: Senior: 100m butterfly: Dhanvith (Mangala Swimming Club) 1:05.80. **50m backstroke**: Ayush Khare (BAC) 38.62. **100m backstroke:** Ayush Khare (BAC) 1:25.66.

Group I (U-17): 100m butterfly: Anish Kore (BAC) 58.17s, 1; Aryan Abhijit Patil (NAC) 58.34, 2. **50m backstroke**: Kushal K (Matsya Inc.) 26.99, 1; Aryan Patil (NAC) 27.36, 2. **200m freestyle:** Surya JT (BAC) 1:55.62, 1; Nishanth J (NAC) 2:00.88, 3. **100m backstroke:** Swaroop Dhanuche (BAC) 59.06, 1; 2 Aryan Patil (NAC) 59.17, 2.

Group II (U-14): 100m butterfly: Aarav J (BAC) 1:02.95. **25m freestyle:** Lakshay G (BAC) 12.10. **50m backstroke:** S Krish (BAC) 29.00, 1; Chakshu Gowda (NAC) 30.80, 3. **200m freestyle:** Shreyas Sunil (SwimLife) 2:05.32. **100m backstroke:** S Krish (BAC) 1:03.15.

Group III (U-12): 50m backstroke relay trail: Rakshit Kore (BAC) 32.21. **200m freestyle:** Lohitashwa Nagesh (Lakshyan Academy) 2:15.99. **100m backstroke:** Lohitashwa Nagesh (Lakshyan Academy) 1:10.48.

Girls: Senior: 100m butterfly: Anna Teresa J (BAC) 1:15.51. **50m backstroke:** Sahanna Nandakumar (Golden Fins) 34.41. **100m backstroke:** Sahanna Nandakumar (Golden Fins) 1:15.20.

Group I: 100m butterfly: Hitashree N (NAC) 1:07.78, 1; Vaishnavi G (NAC) 1:11.31, 3. **50m backstroke:** Aarna Hegde (Ekalavya) 32.26. **200m freestyle:** Mihika Dutta (Dolphin Aquatics) 2:10.35, 1; Hitashree N (NAC) 2:16.82, 2; Vaishnavi G (NAC) 2:17.97, 3. **100m backstroke:** Aarna Hegde 15 (Ekalavya) 1:09.29, 1; Akanksha Tagadur (NAC) 1:10.57, 2.

Group II: 100m butterfly: Manya Wadhwa (Dolphin Aquatics) 1:07.62, 1. **25m freestyle:** Tanvi Gaurav (SwimLife) 13.55. **50m backstroke:** Deetya Bopanna (SwimLife) 32.23. **200m freestyle:** Tanvi Gaurav (SwimLife) 2:16.23. **100m backstroke:** Deetya Bopanna (SwimLife) 1:09.19.

Group III: 50m backstroke relay trail: Dhrithi S Vasishta (BAC) 34.28. **200m freestyle:** Vidula R (NAC) 2:20.02, 1; Unnathi A Rao (NAC) 2:23.46, 2; Nayana A Madhyastha (NAC) 2:23.99, 3. **100m backstroke:** Dhrithi S Vasishta (BAC) 1:13.36.

Nettakallappa Aquatic Centre's Hitashree N bagged the girls' Group I 100m butterfly gold on Tuesday.

Karnataka poised for victory

BENGALURU, DHNS: Karnataka inch closer to their second consecutive win in the elite group stages of the BCCI-Cooch Behar Trophy as they ended Day 3 just 50 runs away from an outright victory against Himachal Pradesh at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Tuesday.

Rathan shines

A four-wicket spell by Rathan BR (4/43) packed up Himachal's second innings for mere 182 runs after resuming at their overnight score of 69/2.

Himachal, who were 162 all out in their first innings, could only bat for 51 overs on the day as a 41-run knock from lower-order batter Naunihaal R helped the side to set a target of 148.

Chasing the target, opener Aadesh Urs scored 40 in a 59-run stand for the second wicket with Dhruv Krishnan (26).

The duo, however, fell in quick succession towards the end of the day's play, leaving skipper Manikanth Shivanand (4 n.o.) and Siddharth Akhil (12 n.o.) to chase down the remainder. Karnataka will resume their innings at 98/3.

Brief scores: Himachal: 162 all out & (O/n: 69/2) 182 in 78 overs (Vaatsav R Garg 28, Arpit Singh 30, Naunihaal R 41; Eesa Puthige 2-52, Rathan BR 4-43) vs Karnataka: 197 all out & 98/3 (Aadesh Urs 40, Dhruv Krishnan 26; Lakshya Thakur 2-41).

Finale set for tie-break finish

MANISHA MOHITE

The FIDE World Cup finalists Javokhir Sindarov and Wei Yi were in no mood to fight or shied away from taking any risk, settling for a swift and solid but a boring draw nevertheless.

With the final score in the Classical standing at 1-1, the winner of the World Cup title would only emerge on Wednesday, when the tie-break is played under faster time controls under rapid and blitz formats comprising of sets of two.

In the playoffs for the third position, 23-year-old Andrey Esipenko defeated Nodirbek Yakkuboev in the second game, winning the two game mini-match with a 2-0 score to finish third in the event and also grab the third Candidates spot on offer at this tournament.

Wei Yi

On Monday, Esipenko had defeated a dis-spirited appearing Yaubboev. Tuesday's round marked the last Classical game of this gruelling event. The top three finishers from this 206 player tournament with eight rounds will qualify for the Candidates. Incidentally both Sindarov and Wei have secured their spots in the eight-player Candidates tournament. The winner will be richer by US$ 120000 and will lift up the World Cup trophy which from this year would be called the Viswanathan Anand Trophy in honour of the Indian legend.

On Tuesday, Olympic bronze medallist and ace shuttler Saina Nehwal made the inaugural move.

Results: Final: GM Weu Yi drew Javokhir Sindarov 1-1; **Third-place playoff:** Andrey Esipenko bt Nodirbek Yakubboev 2-0.

Valiant India go down to Belgium

IPOH (MALAYSIA), PTI: A determined India fought bravely but lost to Belgium 2-3 in a rain-affected Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey match, here on Tuesday.

Abhishek (33rd) and Shilanand Lakra (57th) got themselves on the scoresheet for India, while Roman Duvekot (17th, 57th) and Nicolas De Kerpel (45th) were on target for Belgium. The defeat comes after India, led by defender Sanjay, won the opening game in the six-team event against three-time champions South Korea 1-0 on Sunday.

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